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From the Dean's Office

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am extremely honored that the faculty of the School of Law and the Dean Search Committee recommended that I become the permanent dean of our law school. I am equally honored that President Anthony Caprio, on May 4, 1998, officially announced my appointment to the College community. I am excited about the challenges and opportunities ahead.

My Decision to Apply

I originally took the interim dean position for one year on August 1, 1996, and agreed to a second year shortly thereafter, both times at the request of the law faculty. Prior to and during the search process a number of people asked why I didn't apply for the permanent position. I felt it was extremely important to see if we could find an external candidate who offered all the qualities we wanted and needed. Having an internal candidate when an external search is underway creates an extremely awkward situation. It can cause a loss of focus, unnecessary disagreements about candidates, and a reluctance of individuals outside the law school to apply feeling that the internal candidate has the "inside track."

When the faculty did not agree on any of the external candidates, we faced a dilemma. We could continue the external search; we could suspend it for a period of time and resume later with someone continuing as an interim dean; or we could open up the search to internal candidates. The faculty chose the latter, and shortly thereafter several people asked me to submit my application. By this time, my decision to apply was an easy one. During my year and three quarters as interim dean I had learned a lot more than I ever could have imagined about our law school, our College, community attitudes, and my

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own personal convictions. I also felt that our law school was best served by having a permanent dean who could begin initiatives immediately and guide our law school in the years ahead. Most of all, I determined that, as Interim Dean, I had unknowingly been apprenticing for the position and consequently had learned a great deal about what needed to be done. I decided I liked the job and that I could do it well.

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I care greatly about this institution. It took a risk on me at age 27 when I was a neophyte law librarian. It also took risks by granting me tenure, by admitting me to this law school, and by asking me to be Interim Dean. I am a graduate of Western New England College School of Law, as is my wife. It provided us both first rate legal educations. I have tremendous pride in our law school. I owe it a lot; it has been my employer for almost half my life. It has my institutional loyalty and my strong commitment to our ongoing successes. I have told our faculty and administrators that as dean I want to be a motivator, a leader, a facilitator, a cheerleader, an ambassador, and an advocate for our law school and everyone associated with it.

Our Strengths

We have many strengths upon which we can and will continue to build. Without question, we are blessed with extraordinarily gifted teachers. Our dedicated faculty are available to our students regularly. I talk frequently with our students — in the lounges, the halls, at social events, and in my office — asking if what we told them when we recruited them has proven true. They are uniform in their praise of our faculty. The many alumni with whom I speak agree wholeheartedly. The quality of instruction we provide is pervasive, and it is superb. Our students do indeed receive value-added education.

Our operational infrastructure is also first-rate. Our committees work hard, our promotion and tenure policies are well established, our governance procedures serve us well, and our mentoring programs for new teachers are sound. Our Admissions, Career Services, Alumni, Student Records, and dean's offices for student and academic matters are outstanding. Our Law Library has long been recognized as contributing mightily to our quality program.

Our 5,600 alumni are truly wonderful. They are giving of their time, talent, and financial resources in unprecedented ways. They are excelling in their careers and demonstrating over and over again that the legal education received at our law school prepares them well for their professional lives.

Challenges and Opportunities

In my formal presentation to the faculty and Dean Search Committee as part of the application process, I said we had not seized some key opportunities over the years, but that we can't look back, nor can we make excuses. We must be in catch-up mode, and I challenged us all to work harder, do more, and be more productive than ever. I said we are going to become much more competitive and to enhance our reputation and our name recognition. The following are some of the key points from my presentation.

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ADMISSIONS

The most critical issue facing us is admissions. We are in the midst of a national decline in applications to law schools. There is no single solution, but rather it requires a combination of many things. No change will occur overnight. But we must begin to take steps immediately. Our goal must be to return to a full time equivalence of 650 students, the accepted viable number for a two-division law school. We are currently at least 100 below that number. We must do so without a loss of quality and through a variety of innovative recruiting endeavors.

CURRICULUM

We need to comprehensively examine our curricular offerings to assure that our students have the content coverage and the range of choices they need. Some of this will undoubtedly begin in our Self-Study process, but that won't be enough. We must be willing to consider innovation, in areas such as team teaching, technological instruction, and academic credits from one unit on up. We need to listen to one another, to be open minded, to be imaginative and creative, and when warranted, make logical, not piece-meal changes.

INSTITUTES OF EXCELLENCE

I want to establish at least one, and hopefully two, specialized institutes over the next year. An institute on legislation, on elder law, or on criminal law seem to be appropriate for us to consider. I intend to establish a faculty task force to bring forth ideas and proposals.

A SPECIALIZED CENTER

I want to establish a center that can be used to give us a special identity. Personally, I prefer the Center for Small Firm Practice, where we can build on our simulation courses, clinical programs, and other practical skills offerings that already exist. Since most of our graduates already go into small firm practice, we seem ideally situated to provide unique training opportunities for those about to enter the marketplace. Such a center can also be used to train those already in practice and, as such, can bring in additional revenues to the law school. This is a more ambitious program than an institute, and I believe it will require two years to fully implement. I will be seeking volunteers to lead this effort.

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

I want to establish two additional combined degree programs and an additional 3+3 Law Program over the next year. I am already working on these. When these additional programs and the institutes are established, I want to group and market them under the heading of our "Cooperative Interdisciplinary Studies Program."

SELF-STUDY AND ACCREDITATION

We must continue our extensive Self-Study process and have a retreat in November to finalize our work. This will require a thorough evaluation of our clinics and completion of our faculty handbook, the honor code, and our sexual harassment policy. We need to develop an adjunct faculty manual and make sure we have a process in place to orient new adjuncts into the teaching arena. We must pay close attention to the bar exam results to assure that our graduates perform as we hope.

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LAW REVIEW

We need to challenge the best and brightest of our students, those on law review, to publish at least one additional issue annually. We need to assist them by expanding the size of the membership and giving them more control over selection of their leadership. Perhaps this additional issue can be devoted to a topic associated with an institute or our center. I will ask the law review to prepare a proposal for the faculty to consider.

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES

Our students, faculty, and alumni have many successes and we need to do much more to celebrate these achievements. For our students, I want to implement a "Dean's List" to recognize those students who are in the top 15 or 20 percent of their class each semester and to have this accomplishment reflected on their transcripts. We need to publicly recognize achievements at the time of their occurrence rather than waiting until the end of the year. We need to better display our awards and trophies to help foster pride in our suc-

cesses. We need to develop a better sense of history about our school through pictures and memorabilia of prior times. And I want to put into place an annual program that will bring our alumni judges to our school to conduct actual court sessions. I personally will take the lead in these various efforts.

SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

We need to have more outside speakers and educational programs at our school. While our Clason speaker series for the faculty are especially enriching, we need to better utilize some of these speakers for the benefit our students as well. In addition, and perhaps more importantly, we need to bring a nationally-recognized speaker to our law school annually. This can be done in connection with an institute or a center, a special conference, or separately. There is nothing better for name recognition than a big name speaker. Once that person is identified, I will try to raise the funds to help facilitate participation.

FACULTY PERSONNEL AND OTHER STAFFING NEEDS

We have had a number of departures from the faculty recently. We need to add tenure track faculty members next year. We need to carefully evaluate our curricular gaps, and then hire where our needs are most critical. I personally believe we should hire women and people of color. We also have areas of critical need. With my departure from the library, we need another librarian, someone with special expertise in technology. We need, for want of a better title, an Assistant Dean for Law School Administration — someone who can take great ideas and put them into effect and facilitate program implementation. We also need someone full-time devoted exclusively to our technological needs. These are long term goals which I intend to pursue as resources permit.

FUND RAISING

Already annual giving has increased significantly since I became interim dean, and this year it exceeded $80,000 and has reached 1,000 donors. But everyone needs to be imaginative and suggest ways that we might bring in additional revenue, and then help do it. Our newly-revitalized Law Alumni Association is already considering various ways to assist with fund raising.

THE COMMUNITY

We need to greatly expand our visibility at the local, state, and national levels. The local bars, those in the greater Springfield and Hartford areas, which include more than 2,300 of our graduates, want and need to see more of us. I plan to encourage faculty members to participate in local, state, and national activities, such as conferences, panels, seminars, and committee work. I intend to encourage scholarship of various types, which will improve our name recognition and reputation in the legal academy. Likewise, we need to commit ourselves to be better law school and College citizens. While there are times when it is entirely appropriate to remain separate for purposes of accreditation, there are also times when we can work with the other disciplines of the College for the overall betterment of the institution. Likewise, there must be an understanding among ourselves that we are important to one another at the law school and that widespread participation in our own internal activities, such as forums, socials, conferences, alumni events, and meetings, are part of our responsibilities as professionals.

Concluding Observations

I end as I began by saying how honored I am to have been selected as Dean of Western New England College School of Law. Since the formal announcement, I have received many, many notes and calls from alums, colleagues, and other friends across the country. Each communication inspires me to do more, do it better, and do it faster. Not only do I look forward to the challenges and opportunities, I also look forward to the rewards that new ideas and initiatives will bring to us all.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Dunn

Corrections to the Fall 97 issue of Alumni Notes:

Francis S. Oleskiewicz '61, was inadvertently left off both the Donors by Class list and the Dean's Club list, indicating gifts of $1,000 or more. We failed to note that James J. Bregianes '97, a recipient of the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies, graduated *cum laude*. We regret both errors.

Donald J. Dunn is Appointed Dean of the School

A Veteran Member of the Law School Community Takes on a New Role

The new dean of the Western New England College School of Law doesn't need much of an orientation period. That's because Donald J. Dunn has been the interim dean for almost two years in addition to being with the School of Law for the past quarter century in the role of librarian and professor of law.

Twenty five years ago, as Don went about the task of developing a law library in the temporary quarters of the law school rented from Our Lady of Lourdes School, little did he dream that one day he would be dean of this nationally recognized School of Law.

Anthony S. Caprio, president of Western New England College, announced in May that Don Dunn had been selected as the new dean of the School of Law.

"Dean Dunn has served the School of Law very well as interim dean since August 1996. We are fortunate that he will bring his administrative expertise, his personal integrity, and his energy to the School of Law and to the College in his new role as dean," remarked Dr. Caprio. "The Search Committee recommended unanimously and enthusiastically that Interim Dean Donald Dunn be appointed Dean of the School of Law. Professor Dunn assumed the deanship on July 1, 1998, for, at his request and with the concurrence of the Law faculty, a period of three years," he added.

For Don, the appointment to dean is a great opportunity to advance the institution he cares about so much.

Don's promotion is significant in several regards. He is believed to be only the second law school librarian in the country to have been promoted to the position of dean, and he is the first graduate of the Western New England College School of Law to serve in this position. A native of Texas, he received his M.L.S. and his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and joined the faculty of the School of Law in 1973. In 1979, he decided to enroll in the School of Law's part-time program receiving his J.D. in 1983. All the while he maintained his position of director of the Law Library.

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The Road to Leadership

When Don joined the School of Law, the program was undergoing a major revision. The study of law had been an integral part of the College's past. The College's predecessor, Northeastern-Springfield, had offered a bachelor degree in law from 1919 to 1942. When the College was incorporated as a separate institution in 1951, the law program was reinstated. In the early seventies, though, the College's administration made several decisions. The first was to offer a juris doctor degree; the next was to start a full-time program and establish a law school that would meet the American Bar Association requirements for accreditation; and the last was to build a facility designed for the study of law.

Don Dunn was hired to develop the library collection and its services in the temporary law school location several miles away from the main campus. Even though Don was only 27 at the time of his appointment and the youngest director of an academic law library in the nation, he was already an experienced law librarian having served as the Supervising Librarian of the Criminal Justice Reference Library within the Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas at Austin.

The School of Law campus was on Tinkham Road near the border of Springfield and Wilbraham, MA, in buildings leased from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield. The stay on Tinkham Road was relatively short as in 1978 the S. Prestley Blake Law Center was completed. Under Don's supervision the library has grown to exceed the ABA accreditation standards with over 340,000 volumes and a wide assortment of technological enhancements. It is not only an essential resource for students, but also for the legal community of western Massachusetts.

In his service as interim dean, Don has made many adjustments to his personal and professional life. "A library director works late at his or her own choosing, but a dean works late because he has no choice," says Don with a laugh.

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The demands on his time as dean are great. As Don ticks off a list of events either in which he must participate or at least attend, it's easy to see that his assertion there is something for him to do almost every night is no exaggeration. There are no complaints, though, as Don obviously relishes these opportunities to represent the School.

Don views the role of dean as not just that of an administrator, but as a instructor, colleague, and resource to students. He is also an all-purpose ambassador to the legal community, the alumni, and others .

"We don't have the luxury of 'inside' and 'outside' deans as some law schools have," explains Don. "The dean here has to perform both roles and sometimes has to be at two places at once."

The work does not deter Don, though. "I love working with the alums. I love working with the students," he says with great enthusiasm.

Challenges Ahead

After almost two years as interim dean, Don has definitively identified the challenges facing the School of Law and the legal profession, and now as the school's permanent dean, he is working to put measures in place to meet those challenges.

Uppermost in his mind is the nation-wide decline in the applicant pool for law schools. Don wants to boost enrollment but not at the cost of diminishing the caliber of student.

"We need to make our curriculum responsive to the needs of the students," Don says, who believes that establishing centers and institutes is part of the answer.

One center Don is considering is the Center for Small Firm Practice. "We can build on our curriculum we already have in place. We need to teach our students how to establish a practice. They need to know how to run a law office and how billing works, among other things."

Elder law, estate planning, and

legislation are topics Don wants institutes to cover.

Collaborative programs are also a high priority. Under Don's tenure as interim dean, two important educational collaborations have begun. The first has been with the University of Massachusetts which allows students to study for both a master's degree in regional planning and a juris doctor degree concurrently, and therefore earn both degrees in four years instead of the usual five.

"When there is a blending of curricular offerings from two strong academic programs such as these, there can only be positive results for both institutions," said Don at the time of the announcement.

The second is with the undergraduate program of Western New England College itself. The 3+3 Law Program was announced earlier this year and allows accepted students to earn their bachelor and Juris Doctor degrees in six years instead of seven. "This arrangement demonstrates the College's commitment to recognizing and rewarding outstanding academic performance and to lowering the costs associated with undergraduate and graduate education," explains Don.

Don wants to develop more collaborations with both the College itself and other institutions which will not only create innovative educational opportunities but also further enhance the reputation of the School of Law and achieve greater name recognition for it.

One image-builder Don believes to be effective is programs for the general public. The recent Law Conference for Women, which featured keynote speaker Shannon Faulkner, is an example of the kind of programs which can introduce the public to the School of Law.

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The undeniable strength of the School of Law is its talented and diverse faculty, something Don knows first hand since he had many of them as professors while he was in law school. He believes more people need to know about the high quality of legal instruction at the School. He is providing support for faculty members to increase their writing for journals and national conferences and to participate in area bar association meetings and functions.

Scholarship is certainly part of Don's legal career. He has authored numerous articles, and if he isn't busy enough with his duties as dean, Don is coauthor of the book that is considered to be the premiere reference book on legal research, *Fundamentals of Legal Research.* He is currently finishing work on the book's 800 page seventh edition, due for publication this August. Don also published a semi-annual supplement to the book, contributes a column three times a year to a legal research magazine, and co-edits the quarterly *Index to Periodical Articles Related to Law.*

The law is more than a profession to Don, it's a way of life for his family. His wife, Cheryl J. Dunn, is a 1995 alumna of the School of Law, and their son, D. Kevin Dunn is a 1997 University of Oregon School of Law graduate.

Don is upbeat as he plans to meet changes facing the legal profession. "The demographics are shifting," he explains. "Many older lawyers are retiring, and hiring is really picking up. The profession is experiencing a resurgence. The horizon looks good."

One of Don Dunn's first official actions as dean was to announce his appointment of Bonnie L. Koneski-White as director of the law library. Bonnie joined the Law Library as reference librarian in 1982, became head of reader services shortly thereafter, became associate law librarian in 1984, and was named acting law librarian in 1996. She earned her M.L.S. from Southern Connecticut State University and her J.D. from Western New England College in 1986. "Bonnie brings to the position of law librarian a wealth of experience at our law school. She has already established a fine regional and national reputation through her various professional activities. The law library will be in good hands under Bonnie's leadership," remarked Don in his announcement.

Bonnie L. Koneski-White

Law Alumni Association Revitalized

With a bang of the gavel, President Nancy Sykes began the Annual Meeting of the Western New England College School of Law Alumni Association on April 18, 1998. This meeting symbolized the rebirth of the Association which had been dormant for at least the last ten years.

"As an alumna, I think the strength of this institution is its faculty—the relationships students are allowed to have with faculty. There is a mutual relationship that I really felt when I was here and others did too. It's natural for me to carry that on," explained Sykes. Several important decisions were made during the meeting including the naming of the standing committees and the appointment of a special committee to plan a celebration of the School's 25th anniversary of its accreditation (see page 14).

Nancy asked Susan Fentin '96, Sam Friedlander '88, and Curt Hamakawa '84 to serve on the Executive Committee along with the other officers, Vice President Rich Trenk '82, Clerk Daphne Moore '96, and Treasurer Melissa Dane '82. The seven member Executive Committee is empowered to manage the affairs of the Law Alumni Association between the meetings of the Board of Directors. Executive Committee actions are subject to Board review. The director of law alumni relations sits *ex officio*.

In a planning session prior to the actual meeting, committees met, most selected a chair, determined the frequency and method of their meetings, and began to discuss the three goals that Nancy had given them. In all their activities, they are to consider 1) raising the visibility of the School, 2) increasing the financial support from alumni, and 3) increasing the law school's presence on the local level.

The 1998-1999 Standing Committee assignments are:

Alumni Giving

John M. Looney '76, *chair*, Hartford
Susan Lyn Barakat '95, Albany
Samuel D. Friedlander '88, New York City
Susan C. Greitz '00, New Jersey & Springfield
Alicia M. Zoeller '97, Holyoke

Chapters

Samuel D. Friedlander '88, *chair* New York City
Michael A. Borg '88, Long Island
Curt L. Hamakawa '84, Colorado
Barry K. Maddix '83, Boston
Edward "Woody" S. Shelton '96, Hartford
Richard D. Trenk '82, New Jersey

Community Relations

Robert K. Fowler '97, *chair*, Holyoke
Daniel R. Bergin '93, Springfield
Susan G. Fentin '96, Hartford
Laurence E. Fundler '92, New Jersey
Hon. Ann M. Gibbons '58, Holyoke
Susan C. Greitz, '00, New Jersey and Springfield
Barry K. Maddix '83, Boston
Daphne G. Moore '94, Hartford
Alicia M. Zoeller '97, Holyoke

Legislation

(chair to be determined)
Susan L. Barakat '95, Albany
Curt L. Hamakawa '84, Colorado
Hon. Ann M. Gibbons '58, Holyoke
Edward "Woody" S. Shelton '96, Hartford

Nominations

(chair to be determined)
Daniel R. Bergin '93, Springfield
John M. Looney '76, Hartford
Daphne G. Moore '94, Hartford
Charles S. Ryan '93, Long Island

Publications

(chair to be determined)
Michael A. Borg '88, Long Island
Melissa E. Dane '82, Springfield
Susan G. Fentin '96, Hartford
Laurence E. Fundler '92, New Jersey
Charles S. Ryan '93, Long Island

Nancy L. Sykes '89, president, *ex-officio* to all

All alumni are invited to comment on and suggest committee activities by contacting the committee chairs. The Law Alumni Locator Service on the School of Law's web

page (www.law.wnec.edu) contains the work addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of most law alumni. This information is also available from the Office of Alumni Relations, 413-782-1311.

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT
Nancy L. Sykes '89
"I hope the Alumni Association will work toward developing a mutual relationship between the Law School and its alumni. The alumni can help the School of Law and the School can help its alumni. It's a give and take. It's mutual!"

Combining the law with the ministry is the latest challenge Nancy Sykes '89 has set for herself. The Southampton, MA, resident is an interim minister for the Congregational Church in Plainfield, MA. While not ordained, she is in the process of becoming a licensed minister. She says, "I like the combination of everything I am doing. After five years in the justice system in New York, I'm now trying to inspire justice. It's not too big of a leap!"

Nancy was a criminal defense attorney for the Legal Aid Society of New York City for five years and is now an adjunct instructor at Western New England College School of Law. She teaches two sections of Dispute Resolution as well as undergraduate and graduate courses at Western New England College. Her teaching career extends to courses at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, CT, and she also taught law at the University of Cork, Ireland in 1995.

She earned her B.S. in history at James Madison University, and received the Dean's Award upon graduating from the School of Law.

In the future, Nancy plans to combine her love of law and her love of the church by doing negotiation within the Church institution. For now, she is excited about the new Alumni Association.

VICE PRESIDENT
Richard D. Trenk '82
"I hope to continue to encourage local groups of alumni to be active in the Alumni Association—to be actively part of the School of Law."

Richard Trenk '82 believed in the importance of an Alumni Association for the School of Law, and proved it by serving on the Law School Advisory Committee and by being instrumental in the organization of the New Jersey Chapter of the Law Alumni Association. "There were five of us who started the New Jersey Chapter. Today there are 25 people involved and we've put together two Continuing Legal Education programs showcasing alumni and law faculty," he reports

He is a partner with Rabinowitz, Trenk, Lubetkin & Tully, P.C. in West Orange, NJ, concentrating on bankruptcy, litigation and municipal law matters. He lives in West Orange with his wife, Nancy, and three children, Melissa, Robert, and Andrew.

Previously, Rich was a partner at Ravin, Sarasohn, Cook, Baumgarten, Fisch & Baime in Roseland and he clerked for the Hon. Julius A. Feinberg, of the New Jersey Superior Court, Newark. Rich earned his B.A. degree in political science from American University and received the Dean's Award from the School of Law at graduation. He served as president of the Essex County Bar Association from 1996-97.

As part of the new Alumni Association, Rich hopes to help promote leadership of Western New England College School of Law graduates throughout the country. "We need all of our alumni to be actively involved in their local bars and to be volunteers in their communities. As leaders, we can promote the name of the School of Law and increase public recognition of our School's importance in the legal and entire community."

Rich feels he received a excellent education at the School of Law. He says, "It was a positive experience on every level and I have used the skills I learned to assist me both personally and professionally."

He agrees with Nancy about forming a mutual connection between the School and its alumni. "Through the new Association, the school can provide support and resources to its alumni so that they can continue learning and growing, and alumni can, in turn, spread the name of the school and support it in other ways."

CLERK
Daphne G. Moore '94
"I hope that many alumni will participate in the new Alumni Association, and that it builds a sense of school pride and camaraderie. There are enough of us now who graduated from the School that it's important to have a formal network."

Daphne Moore '94 is an associate at Shipman & Goodwin, LLP, in Hartford, CT. She lives in Springfield, MA, with her seven-year-old daughter, Nia. She got involved in revitalizing the Alumni Association through serving on a subcommittee of the Law School Advisory Committee. She's been on the Advisory Committee since its inception two years ago.

Daphne enjoys volunteering at the School of Law and appreciates the education she received. "I liked the intimate atmosphere at Western New England College School of Law. The small classes were conducive to learning and it was a collaborative rather than a competitive experience. Most alumni that I talk to enjoyed being here, as opposed to a lot of people from other schools who weren't happy about their legal education."

She formerly clerked for Massachusetts Appeals Court Justice, the Hon. Frederick Brown, in Boston and for the Hon. Michael Ponsor of the U.S. District Court in Springfield. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College with an A.B. in history and also earned a masters degree in human services from Springfield College.

TREASURER

Melissa E. Dane '82

"Our first concerns as the new Alumni Association will be to contact all alumni and try to get them involved in the school and to keep students involved when they graduate."

For Melissa Dane '82, (Evening Division), her role as treasurer in the Law Alumni Association is a case of *deja vu.* Melissa served as treasurer of the old Law Alumni Association from 1982 to 1984, when it dissolved. She became involved this time around, as with the other officers, as a member of the Law School Advisory Committee. "There is a real need for the Alumni Association to be active," says Melissa, "especially now with all the new technology and software. It's so easy to get together."

Melissa is a claims representative for Provident Insurance in Springfield, MA. She lives in Springfield with her husband, Delmar Wilcox, who is assistant dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Western New England College.

An evening student when she attended the School of Law, Melissa says she was very active in the Student Bar Association. She became involved in the Alumni Association during her last year in school. "I was in the first class that started at the new building," remembers Melissa. "As an evening student, I received a great deal of respect from my professors. This meant a lot to me and the other students, some who commuted from Worcester and even Albany. That made it easy to stay involved with the school as an alumna. I love the school and meeting new people!"

Formerly, Melissa was the owner and president of Building Specialties/Architectural Hardware, Inc., in Springfield and a real estate broker. She earned her B.A. in English from Western New England College.

DIRECTOR

Susan Lyn Barakat '95 is an administrative law judge, New York State Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board, Troy, NY. Previously, she was an associate at the Law Offices of Robert O. Wilhelm, Clifton Park, NY, concentrating in commercial, litigation, and collection matters. Susan graduated from Siena College with a B. A. in psychology.

DIRECTOR

Daniel R. Bergin '93 is the principal of the Law Office of Daniel R. Bergin in Springfield, MA. Formerly, he was an assistant district attorney in Hampden County handling criminal matters in the District and Superior Courts. Dan received his B.A. in political science from Siena College.

DIRECTOR

Michael A. Borg '88 is principal in The Law Offices of Michael A. Borg in Garden City, NY, handling family, litigation, bankruptcy, corporate, insurance, real estate, and commercial matters. Mike is an arbitrator for the Nassau County District Court, Mandatory Arbitration Program, and formerly was an associate at Friesner & Salzman in Great Neck, NY. Mike is a graduate of the State University of New York, Stony Brook, with a B.A. in political science.

DIRECTOR

Susan G. Fentin '96 is an associate with Shipman & Goodwin, LLP, in Hartford, CT, handling employment, labor, and litigation matters. Previously, Susan served the Hon. John Greaney, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, as a judicial law clerk and prior to attending law school had a 17-year career in advertising and marketing. She received her B.A. in art history from Wellesley College.

Susan served as editor-in-chief of the *Law Review* and is a member of the Law School Advisory Committee.

DIRECTOR

Robert K. Fowler '97 (Evening Division) is president and chief executive officer of Hampden Papers Incorporated in Holyoke, MA. Under Bob's leadership, Hampden Papers has received national recognition for providing its employees opportunities for lifetime learning. He is graduate of Trinity College.

Bob was a member of the senior staff on *Law Review* and was a student representative on the Faculty's External Affairs Committee.

DIRECTOR

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Sam has been instrumental in organizing law alumni in the greater New York area and serves on the Law School Advisory Committee.

DIRECTOR

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He is a member of the steering committee of the New Jersey Chapter of the Law Alumni Association.

DIRECTOR

Hon. Ann M. Gibbons '58 (Evening Division) is recently retired from the Ware District Court, where she was the presiding judge for 19 years. Previously, she had been an assistant city solicitor for the City of Holyoke and a teacher at Technical High School in Springfield, MA. She has resumed her partnership in the firm of Gibbons & Gibbons in Holyoke. Judge Gibbons received her B.A. from Elms College and her masters degree in chemistry from Clark University.

DIRECTOR

Susan C. Greitz '00 is the Student Bar Association appointee to the Board of Directors. Susan is a 1996 graduate of Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, where she earned her B.A. degree in Criminal Justice. She is currently Phi Alpha Delta secretary, vice president of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association, and is very active in the Women's Law Association. Susan is married to third year law student, Robert A. Greitz. She worked on the spring 1998 law alumni phonathon and was the Housing Coordinator in 1998.

DIRECTOR

Curt L. Hamakawa '84 is director of athlete services, United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, CO. Previously, he was associate general counsel in the USOC's legal counsel's office, a compliance/enforcement administrator for the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Boyd P. Mossman, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for the Second Judicial Circuit, State of Hawaii. Curt is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and he earned a M.Ed. in sports management from Springfield College.

Curt serves on the Law School Advisory Committee.

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John M. Looney '76 is assistant attorney general, Connecticut Attorney General's Office in Hartford where he practices in the environmental protection department. He received his B.A. in English from Boston College.

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Barry K. Maddix '83 is assistant counsel at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Barry received his B.A. in political science from the University of Massachusetts, his masters from the University of New Hampshire and his LL.M. in banking law from Boston University. Prior to his current position, he served in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps.

Barry is actively involved with the Boston Chapter of the Law Alumni Association.

DIRECTOR

Charles S. Ryan '93 is vice president in the Technology Management Group for The Collaborative Group, located on Long Island, NY. He practices patent, trademark, and copyright law. Formerly, he was an associate with Darby & Darby, New York City and with Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser, Garden City. Charles is a graduate of both The College of Wooster, receiving his B.A. in chemistry and the State University of New York, Stony Brook, where he earned a Ph.D. in oral biology and pathology.

Charles is a member of the Law School Advisory Committee.

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Edward "Woody" S. Shelton '96 (Evening Division) is an associate with Clayman, Markowitz, Pinney & Baram in Bloomfield, CT, practicing in the areas of corporate, transactional, commercial litigation, real estate, and franchise law. Prior to entering law school, he had a 12-year business career including running his own equipment leasing company. Woody received a B.S. in speech and communications from Emerson College.

DIRECTOR

Alicia M. Zoeller '97 is conservation director for the City of Holyoke, MA. Alicia is a graduate of Salem State College with a B.A. in marine biology and chemistry. She previously worked for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

PERSPECTIVES:

A NEW NAME, A NEW LOOK, AN EXPANDED PURPOSE

WE HOPE YOU are enjoying the inaugural issue of *Perspectives.*

Perspectives is an apt name. The title puts our entire School of Law — our alumni, faculty, staff, and our many accomplishments in "perspective" to our mailing audience of judges, bar leaders, other law school deans, friends, and, of course, our alumni.

Redesigning the "alumni newsletter" to look more like a magazine allows you to display it in your offices and help us to increase our name recognition. We will include more feature articles on alumni and your accomplishments. We will continue to include stories and pictures about alumni activities around the nation, events of interest at the School of Law, and of course, Class Notes. We welcome your written submissions of articles of interest to your classmates, as well as your suggestions for future issues.

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FROM YOUR LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Save this Date!

On the weekend of September 12 and 13, 1998, we will celebrate both the 25th Anniversary of our accreditation by the American Bar Association and the deanship of Donald J. Dunn '83, the first alumnus to become a law school dean. Plans for the celebration include Saturday morning seminars at the law school, lunch on campus, a program after lunch to honor Dean Dunn, and an all-class reunion dinner Saturday night in downtown Springfield. On Sunday, the Class of 1999 is holding a fund-raising golf tournament for students, faculty, and alumni. Your official invitation to the festivities will be mailed in mid-July.

For more information or to volunteer to be on the 25th Celebration Committee, please contact either of the cochairs, Curt Hamakawa '84 or Susan Fentin '96, c/o the Office of Law Alumni Relations. For information on the golf tournament, please leave a message at the Office of Law Alumni Relations for Marilyn Stopa '99. To reach the Office, call 413-782-1311, send us a fax at 413-796-2067, or e-mail us at sparry@law.wnec.edu.

Alumni Judicial Appointments

Four alumni of Western New England College School of Law have been recently named to the bench joining almost 50 of their fellow alumni who have become judges, most graduating after the time the School of Law began its full-time program in 1973. These graduates play influential roles in our society, not only in Massachusetts but throughout the Northeast and beyond. Our alumni are presiding over district and superior courts in Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, handling probate matters in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York, and serving in municipal courts in New Jersey and New York.

The Honorable M. Kathleen Manley, third from left, is seen after taking her oath of office with Vermont Governor Howard Dean, her mother Mary Margaret Manley, her daughter Kelley M. Calkins, and her father Jack Manley.

Sheila A. DiTullio

The Honorable Sheila A. DiTullio is a judge for Erie County in Buffalo, New York. She was elected to that office in 1996. She is a graduate of Houghton College and received her J.D. from Western New England College School of Law in 1980.

She has served in the Erie County District Attorney's office in three capacities: as an Assistant District Attorney; Chief of the Comprehensive Assault, Abuse, and Rape Unit; and Chief of the Grand Jury Bureau. Previously she was an Assistant Attorney General for Environmental Law for the State of New York. She also teaches at the University of Buffalo Law School.

She serves as a board member for the Hopevale, Inc., a school for troubled girls; the Bar Foundation of the Erie County Bar Association; and the Erie County Citizens Committee on Rape and Sexual Assault.

She has received the Woman Lawyer of the Year award for 1995 by the Western New York Chapter of Women Lawyers of the State of New York, the Erie County Sheriff's Foundation Award for Outstanding Career in Law Enforcement, Honor for Dedication to the Legal Profession by the Erie County Executive and Citizens Committee on Rape and Assault, a Congressional Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Work on Behalf of the Community, and the Erie County Bar Association Criminal Justice Award.

"My philosophy is to consider each criminal case individually," she says. "I feel that if a defendant can be helped or saved, the criminal justice system should try. For example, if I have a defendant on a non-violent charge who has a minimal record, and a pre-trial disposition that is reasonable, then I'll possibly consider a probationary sentence that includes counseling and other conditions meant to help the defendant. However, a defendant charged and convicted of a violent crime who also has a long criminal history must be

incarcerated to separate a dangerous person from society. I feel my educational experience at Western New England College School of Law prepared me in every way for this exciting, important, and challenging job."

Robert L. Steinberg

The Honorable Robert L. Steinberg is a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He was elected to the judgeship in November 1997. He received his J.D. from Western New England College School of Law in 1976. Prior to that, he was the District Attorney of Lehigh County, PA, and also served as the First Assistant District Attorney, as a Deputy District Attorney, and as an Assistant District Attorney. He has also been in private practice, private business, and worked in the Office of the Public Defender.

He has been honored with the Colonel John J. Schaeffer Memorial Award, the Allentown Police Department Distinguished Service Award, the Prosecutor of the Year Award, and has received a letter of commendation from the Pennsylvania State Police.

He also has served on the governor-appointed Victim Advisory Committee and is active in the West Allentown Kiwanis Club, the Allentown Jewish Community Center, Temple Beth-El, and the Lehigh County Republican Executive Committee.

"It's important for judges to be involved with their community," he says. "As a district attorney, I was very involved and as a judge, I intend to remain involved as well. In a modern society, judges have to be more accessible to the public they're dealing with. I think the public demands that. Letting people know what a judge does and opening up the process is helpful. When judges live in ivory towers, that creates more mistrust than it creates trust."

M. Kathleen Manley

The Honorable M. Kathleen Manley is a Vermont Superior Court judge in White River Junction. She was appointed to that office by Governor Howard Dean in 1998. She is a graduate of New England College and received her J.D. from Western New England College School of Law in 1980.

She has served as Family Court Magistrate in Montpelier and been in private practice in St. Johnsbury, VT and Ilion, NY. She has also been the Village Attorney for Ilion. She served as the Chief Assistant District Attorney in Herkimer County, NY, as well as an adjunct professor at Herkimer County Community College; Law Guardian for the New York State Office of Court Administration; and been the Assigned Counsel Administrator for the Herkimer County Bar Association.

She has been a speaker at numerous civic organizations including the American Red Cross, Rotary Club, BPW University Women, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), and various schools.

"Although Vermont differentiates between a Superior and District Court judge, in reality, it is a unified bench and regardless of the designation, judges are assigned to District (criminal), Superior (civil), Family, or a multijurisdictional court," she explains. "In a world of increasing specialty, Vermont views its judges as generalists. Assignments are rotated on a yearly basis. As of this writing, I am assigned to Family Court in White River Junction about 70 miles from my home. Given the low population and rural nature of much of the state, travel is a part of the job. In the future, I will spend a good part of my time in rural, multijurisdictional courts where one judge handles all three dockets. What I find most enjoyable is that due to the rotations and the way assignments are made, there is always tremendous variety available and it is always a challenge to keep up with the attorneys."

Cynthia K. Swienton

The Honorable Cynthia K. Swienton is a Connecticut Superior Court judge currently assigned to Torrington, CT, Juvenile Court. She was appointed to her office by Governor John Rowland in March 1997. She is a graduate of Western New England College, receiving her B.A. degree magna cum laude in Government in 1978 and her J.D. from Western New England College School of Law in 1981.

She has served as a Hearing Officer with the Department of Motor Vehicles for the State of Connecticut as well as Assistant Clerk of the State House of Representatives. She has also been in private practice.

She is a member of both the Connecticut and Massachusetts Bar Associations, the Hartford County Bar Association, and been a member of the Commission of Elected State Officials and Judges for the State of Connecticut. She sits on the Board for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of

America, Connecticut Chapter, and has served on the Board for "My Sister's Place," a non-profit organization that provides temporary emergency shelter and advocacy for homeless women and their children. She served as its treasurer from 1994 to 1996.

"The decisions that I make on a daily basis dramatically affect the lives of people who come before me," she says. "I fully appreciate the importance of this position and attempt to render justice to the best of my ability. At times, this is a difficult task, but I hope that my decisions will impact a person's life in a positive manner."

Judges DiTullio, Steinberg, Manley, and Swienton join the following alumni who are judges:

William H. Abrashkin '78, First Justice of the Massachusetts Housing Court, Hampden Division

George A. Baker '89, Probate Judge for the Tolland District of Connecticut

Alan M. Barber '78, Probate Judge for the Winchester District of Connecticut

Henry R. Bauer '85, Criminal Trial Court Judge in Troy, New York

Donald D. Bernardi '78, Associate Circuit Judge, Illinois Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Bloomington, Illinois

Elaine N. Camposeo '88, Probate Judge for the Andover District of Connecticut

Paul J. Carr '76, Judge of the New Jersey Municipal Court for Stafford Township

Richard F. Connon '68, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court

Sidney M. Cooley '41, Presiding Judge of the District Court of Western Hampden County, Massachusetts (retired)

Rebekah J. Crampton '78, First Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court, Juvenile Division in Hampden County

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Alumni Take Leading Role in CLE

LAW ALUMNI ARE serving as faculty for continuing legal education (CLE) seminars throughout the northeast, particularly in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The following is a partial list; if you have been a member of a CLE panel and are not listed here, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations.

Connecticut Bar Association Continuing Legal Education

Planning and Coping with Incapacity: **Linda J. Kidder** '85, Linda J. Kidder Associates, Groton.

Discovery in Employment Cases: How to Get It and How to Use It: **Joshua A. Hawks-Ladds** '91, Sorokin, Sorokin, Gross, Hyde & Williams, Hartford.

Current Lead Paint Issues in Litigation and Real Estate: **Maureen E. Burns** '83, McNerney, Fitzgerald & Tiernan, P.C., New Haven and **John-Henry M. Steele** '91, Early, Ludwick & Sweeney, New Haven.

Defending the Criminal Charge: Pre-Trial Criminal Procedures: **Charles D. Hines** '83, Law Offices of Charles D. Hines, Enfield.

Estate Administration: From Beginning to Final Distribution: Hon. **Patrick M. Prue** '78, Windham Probate Judge.

Knee Injuries in Workers' Compensation Cases: **Angelo P. Severino** '78, Law Offices of Angelo Paul Severino, Windsor.

Workers' Compensation in Connecticut: **Kevin W. Coombes** '75, McCarthy, Schuman & Coombes, Hartford, and **Angelo P. Severino** '78, Law Offices of Angelo Paul Severino, Windsor.

Connecticut Trial Advocacy Institute: **Mary M. Haselkamp** '87, Assistant Public Defender, New Haven.

Advanced Issues in Education Law: **Anne L. Blanchard** '90, Connecticut Legal Services, Willimantic and **Winona W. Zimberlin** '80, Law Offices of Winona W. Zimberlin, Hartford.

New Federal Laws Affecting Employee Health Benefits: HIPPA, COBRA, and New Required Benefits: **David E. Yurgaitis** '96, United Health Care, Hartford.

Probate Litigation — Nuts, Bolts & Trends: **Linda J. Kidder** '85, Linda J. Kidder Associates, Groton.

Claims and Defenses Under CUTPA (Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act): **Steven M. Rutstein** '76, Antitrust/Consumer Protection Department, Connecticut Attorney General's Office, Hartford.

Lorman Education Services

Collection Law in Massachusetts: **Mark J. Beglane** '78, Bacon & Wilson, P.C., Springfield.

Massachusetts Bar Institute

How Lawyers Can Earn Money Ghostwriting for Other Lawyers: **Patricia Bobba Donovan** '74, Law Office of Patricia Bobba Donovan, Springfield and **Barbara J. Sweeney** '88, Law Office of Barbara J. Sweeney, Springfield.

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Paul Czajka '81, Judge, New York State County Court in Columbia County, New York

Frank M. D'Addabbo, Jr. '80, Judge, the Connecticut Superior Court in Enfield

Theresa S. DiMauro '83, District Court Judge, the Windsor District of Vermont

Francis P. Eagen '76, Judge, the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County

Thomas J. Fiore '75, Probate Judge for the Stafford District of Connecticut

William C. Gerstenzang '74, Town Judge, Yorktown, New York

Ann M. Gibbons '58, the Presiding Judge of the Ware District Court, Massachusetts Trial Court (retired)

Kenneth W. Gibbons '92, Town Justice for the Town of Glenville, New York

Robert L. Howarth '74, Judge in the Massachusetts District Court, Palmer Division

Mary E. Hurley–Marks '76, Judge in the Massachusetts District Court, Chicopee Division

Bertha D. Josephson '78, Associate Justice of Massachusetts Superior Court

Dennis M. Kehoe '79, Judge in the Wayne County Court, Lyons, New York

James K. Kelley '76, Probate Judge for the Brooklyn District of Connecticut

Edwin W. Kelly '79, Presiding Justice of District Court, Plymouth, New Hampshire, and Administrative Judge for the New Hampshire District and Municipal courts

Kevin Kennedy '86, Probate Judge for the Colchester District of Connecticut

Francis J. Leddy, Jr. '76, Judge of Municipal Court in Emerson and Bergenfield, New Jersey

Marie E. Lyons '79, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court, Hampden Division

Robert A. Martin '79, Connecticut Superior Court Judge in New London

Kevin P. McMahon '79, Connecticut Superior Court Judge in New London

Douglas C. Mintz '78, Connecticut Superior Court Judge in Norwalk

Lillian T. Miranda '76, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court, Juvenile Division in Franklin and Hampshire Counties

J. David Morrissey, Jr. '81, probate Judge for the Farmington District of Connecticut

James D. Pagones '76, Judge in New York State Family Court, Acting Surrogate, and a County and Supreme Court Judge in Dutchess County

Paul E. Perachi '82, First Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court, Juvenile Division in Berkshire County

Frank Placzek '42, Judge of the Massachusetts Probate Court (retired)

Dennis R. Poitras '77, Probate Judge for the Ashford District of Connecticut

Patrick M. Prue '78, Probate Judge for the Windham District of Connecticut

Paul A. Ridgeway '81, Probate Judge for the East Granby District of Connecticut

Joseph E. Rodgers '65, First Justice of the Massachusetts Probate Court, Hampden Division (retired)

Norman E. Rogers, Jr. '79, Probate Judge for the New Hartford District of Connecticut

Mary-Lou Rup '78, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court

W. Michael Ryan '76, First Justice of the Massachusetts District Court, Northampton Division

Rita Scales Koenigs '77, Judge of the Massachusetts District Court, Pittsfield Division

Constance M. Sweeney '74, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court

Daniel J. Swords '76, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Trial Court, Juvenile Division in Hampden County

Guy P. Tomlinson '78, Judge, New York State Surrogate Court, Montgomery County

Susan L. Warner '82, Probate Judge for the Enfield District of Connecticut

Melvin K. Westmoreland '77, Judge, the Georgia Superior Court, Fulton County

In addition, the late Donald M. Macaulay '24 (Northeastern University, Springfield Division) served as an associate justice, Superior Court of Massachusetts and as a judge, Hampden County Probate Court; the late Tullio A. Francesconi '36 (Northeastern University, Springfield Division) served as a judge in Springfield, Massachusetts Juvenile Court; and the late Milton H. Richmond '30, (Northeastern University, Springfield Division) served as Miami District Court Judge.

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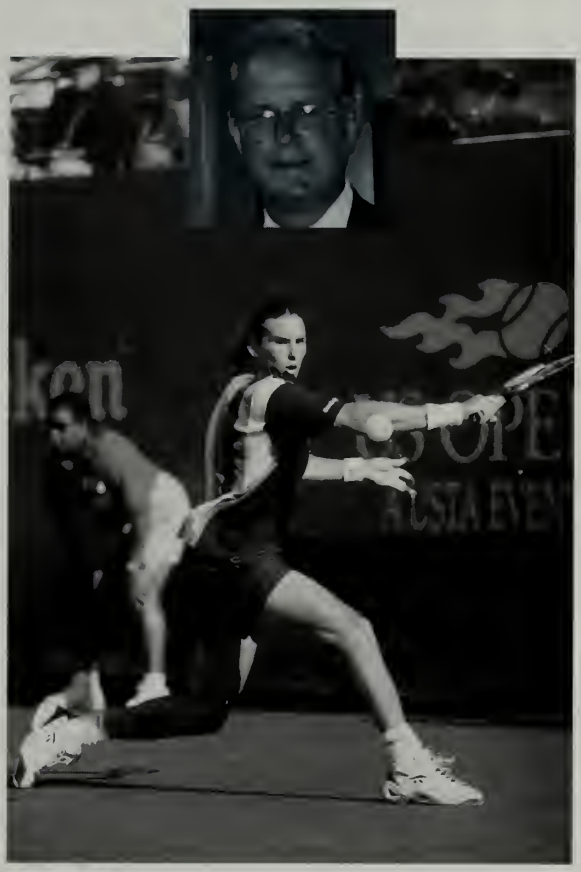
ALUMNI PROFILE

John Mayotte '76
Enjoys Participating From the Sidelines

SOMETIMES, FOR JOHN Mayotte '76 working late means staying up to watch late night TV. In fact, it sometimes means specifically watching *Late Night with David Letterman.* That was the case for John as he watched David Letterman interview Patrick Rafter last summer. The previous day, Patrick had just won the U.S. Tennis Open Championship and John's company, ProServ is Rafter's agent.



Patrick Rafter

"*That* is sports marketing," John emphasized as a video of the interview was played for an enraptured group of sport management and law students at the Second Annual Sport Business Summit cosponsored by the Sport Management Club and the School of Law of Western New England College on April 17.

John's point with the video was to show the students that being an athlete's agent has gone far beyond merely representing athletes during contract negotiations. It now encompasses marketing the athlete as well, taking advantage of the opportunities that suddenly arise. "Patrick Rafter is charming, good-looking, and charismatic," John explained. "He is a natural for TV. As a result of his success on the court, ProServ was able to negotiate contracts with a number of new companies for him."

Having a client who is "a natural for TV" makes John's job somewhat easier. He went on to say that the single most influential aspect of sports is not agencies, sponsors, or even the major leagues. "It is the media and in particular, television. If you want to get into sports marketing, know TV," he advised the students.

John is intimately familiar with the process since he specializes in tennis for his employer, ProServ, of Washington, D.C. , a division of the Marquee Group. ProServ handles such clients as basketball players Shawn Kemp and Marcus Camby; NFL stars Ben Coates, Irving Fryar, and Tiki Barber, among others; and even sports broadcasters like Al Michaels, Dan Dierdorf, and Chris Berman. They also arrange stadium naming rights; negotiate rights for high profile events like the NCAA Men's Basketball Championships, the U.S. Tennis Open, and the Boston Marathon; and provide consulting services for companies who feel that maybe they're not getting as much as they'd like out of their sponsorship of athletics.

John described the process of working with athletes in simple terms. "You create a 'relationship' with your client and nurture it, keeping in mind the athlete's personal, professional, and financial goals which may not exactly be your own goals," he says. "Sometimes, you have to babysit younger athletes." He cited the example of a fifteen-year-old tennis prospect from California. "His father told me that he lost a recent match because his shoes fell apart. He wanted me to buy his son a new pair of shoes. If I did that, his son would lose his college eligibility. His family says he isn't going to college, but what if that changes? He's risking a full college scholarship and if his ten-

nis career doesn't work out, he won't be able to get the scholarship back. All I can give him is advice. If anything of value changes hands—shoes, dinner, tickets—he loses his scholarship. Athletes may not realize that companies recently have been reducing their financial commitments to athletes and endorsements. You sometimes have to give people a reality check."

One student in the audience asked where the line was drawn. "The NCAA and the law draw the lines for us," John said. "Ninety-nine per cent of sports agents are honest and follow NCAA rules and the law. You only hear about the one per cent when they get caught. If I violate the rules, I lose my credibility as an agent and possibly my career."

In the recent hit film, *Jerry Maguire*, Tom Cruise plays a sports agent who strikes out on his own in an effort to humanize his business; the human side of the business was exactly what John focused on in his talk. When asked how accurate the film was in depicting the business of being a sports agent, John noted that it was "quite real, actually, in the sense that it is difficult to recruit, it's a very competitive lifestyle requiring building new, but good relationships as well as travel and there is a lot of competition for top talent. It was presented very well, I thought." John also said he thought the fictional company that Tom Cruise worked for in the beginning of the film was an accurate portrayal of such companies. "I'm sure it was modeled on ProServ and other sports management companies like IMG and Advantage International where there are a fair number of people working on events, marketing, and television production."

John Mayotte L'76, second from right, was joined recently by (left to right) Keith Wetjen L'99, Professor Sharianne Walker, School of Business, Chris Warnat '99, Dean Donald Dunn, and Amy Russo L'98 for dinner and a discussion on sport management.

"'Love' is the most important criteria in the industry. You've got to really care about the success of the person you're dealing with. You must build a relationship with the client."

John, himself once a tennis professional, became interested in sport marketing because of the people around his younger brother, former tennis star Tim Mayotte, who, at one point, was the seventh highest rated player in the world. John said that individually, "'love' is the most important criteria in the industry. You've got to really care about the success of the person you're dealing with. You must build a relationship with the client."

John says this concept of "love" extends to a broader population by encouraging clients to give back some of their success to their home communities. John said that as sports agent, "You have to want to give back. You have to want to help your clients arrange charity events in their communities, setting up corporate tie-ins and so forth."

There are many ways this proceeds. For instance, in individual sports like golf and tennis, it is rare when a Tiger Woods comes along who finds success at such an early point in an athletic career. Most of them must work their way up over time. Also, John says, even with athletes who sign multi-million dollar deals out of college, such as basketball and football players, "sometimes it's not until they mature a little bit and are beginning to see retirement where they begin to think 'Okay, it's time to give money back or give time back.' A lot of times, though, these kids do a

lot early in their careers through foundation and charitable activities, but they're not the ones who get the publicity. It's generally the kids who make a lot of money and do something wrong that get the publicity. All the good work that some of the lower profile athletes do gets pushed back to the fifth page of the paper.

"We recommend that the athlete work with the league they're in or the tour they're on. They have institutionalized charitable activities nationally and regionally and they ask that their athletes participate because the athletes should."

Often the life of a sports agent is a lot of fun. You get to meet and work with athletes like Patrick Rafter and Pete Sampras. You deal with "David Letterman's people" or "Jay Leno's people." You get to attend lots of sporting events including most of the major ones like the Super Bowl. The down side, John says, "is when your client behaves badly. You have to have a passion, a love, for this business because you also have the bad side."

When the "bad side" happens, the role of the agent "is to legally and ethically defend your client," John says, "and to make sure that the necessary financial and legal resources to handle the situation are arranged if necessary." There's also a very private role that the agent plays—that of personal advisor. "Privately, we instruct them that they can't continue to have negative incidents occur, that they should appreciate what they have and focus on winning in their sport."

He also went on to say, "Honesty and integrity are important because the relationship must be built on trust from the beginning, followed by persistence to land contracts, and cooperation because you have to deal with a number of people from professional colleagues to family members."

In response to a student's question, John concluded by noting that women's sports are becoming an enormous market. "However, it is competing for market share with other forms of entertainment and it is a market that's not growing much, so something has to give. Can I envision a day when women's basketball is more popular than men's basketball? Sure. It happened in women's tennis."

Although John never practiced law, his degree from Western New England College School of Law has proven invaluable in his sport marketing career as he says he uses his legal knowledge on a daily basis. He lives in Ellicott City, Maryland, with his wife, Betsy, and their three children, Jennifer, 20, Elizabeth, 17, and John, 9.

Patrick Rafter

POSITION OPENING AT THE COLLEGE:

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QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree and three years of planned giving experience in a non-profit setting required. Must possess a working knowledge of income, estate, and gift tax rules, IRS regulations governing charitable gifts, and the basic legal principals of charitable trusts, pooled income funds, charitable gift annuities, and other planned giving vehicles. Excellent communications and analytical skills are essential. Experience using and managing computer data bases, and excellent organizational and interpersonal skills a must. A background in higher education is desirable.

MORE INFORMATION

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Career Services Thanks Alumni

In addition to the 999 alumni who volunteered to be members of the Alumni Contact File, the Office of Career Services wishes to thank those alumni who listed job openings with the Office, recruited on-campus, supervised internships, conducted mock interviews, and participated in panel presentations for students. Your support of our Office is critical to our efforts to assist students in locating full-time, part-time, and summer employment opportunities and in obtaining accurate information about various areas of practice, employment sectors, and the market in different geographical areas.

The following 86 alumni assisted Career Services between July 1, 1996 and June 30, 1997.

Hon. W. Henry Abrashkin '78, Massachusetts Housing Court, Hampden County, Springfield, MA

Michael Agen '78, Connecticut Attorney Title Insurance Company, Springfield, MA

Cheryl Armata '88, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Springfield, MA

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Callie Bagdon '92, then with the Committee for Public Counsel Services, Springfield, MA

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Gregory Hession, Esq. '93, Northampton, MA

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Thomas Locke, Esq. '82, Agawam, MA

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Wayne Peereboom '94, Dunn & Phillips, Springfield, MA

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Frederick Smith '86, Smith & Brink, Quincy, MA

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Robert Taylor '80, Day, Berry & Howard, Hartford, CT

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William Tobey, Esq. '84, Springfield, MA

Philip Walker '86, Rogers & Walker, New Hartford, CT

Thomas Ware '80, Immigration and Naturalization Service, South Burlington, VT

Holly Abery-Wetstone '80, Wetstone & D'Ambrosio, Farmington, CT

Donna Wilkerson '94, Law Offices of Ronald Johnson, Hartford, CT

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR THE CLASS OF 1997

Employment Figures

Graduates whose status is known	210	(96% of the class of 218 graduates)
Total employed (both law & non-law)	185	(88%)
Total full-time law jobs	129	(61% reporting, 70% of overall employed)
Total part-time law jobs	14	(7% reporting, 8% of overall employed)
Total non-law jobs	41	(20% reporting, 22% of overall employed)
Graduate School	2	(1% reporting)
Total reported unemployed		
. . . and seeking legal jobs	18	(9%)
. . . and not seeking legal jobs	5	(2%)

Areas of Practice

Private Practice	38.9%	Business and Industry	25.9%
Government	20.5	Judicial Clerkship	9.2
Academic	2.2	Military	1.6
Public Interest	1.6		

Employment by State

MA	74 (40%)	RI	3	AL	1	MN	1
CT	50 (27%)	TX	3	AZ	1	NH	1
NY	25 (14%)	FL	2	CA	1	PA	1
VA	4	GA	2	DC	1	WA	1
ME	3	NM	2	HI	1	WI	1
NJ	3	VT	2	MD	1	Abroad	1

Salary Breakdown

One-hundred and eighteen (118) graduates reported salary information averaging $36,793. The range follows:

Salary	# Graduates	% of Total
$16,640 to $19,999	2	1%
$20,000 to $29,999	29	25%
$30,000 to $39,999	52	44%
$40,000 to $49,999	21	18%
$50,000 to $59,999	8	7%
$60,000 to $106,000	6	5%

Note: This informatiuon was taken from a Career Services survey indicating employment status six months after graduation.

HAPPENINGS

Events and Programs at
Western New England College School of Law

Gina Cocchiola '98, Carrie Borden '98, and Luisa Marrero '98 shared memories at Commencement 1998.

1998 Commencement

The 1998 Commencement welcomed 192 new members to the ranks of alumni. Connecticut Attorney General **Richard Blumenthal** addressed the graduates, urging them to seek and tell the truth in their future careers and to remember their obligation as lawyers to serve the public interest. The student speaker, **Michael J. Richard**, urged his classmates to reflect on their years in law school and to celebrate all that they have achieved. Springfield attorney **Arthur M. Marshall** received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in recognition of his 45 year law career and his many years of philanthropy.

The faculty selected **Elizabeth H. Sillin**, who graduated *summa cum laude*, to receive the Norman Prance Award. This award is given to the graduate who has excelled in all aspects of law school life: academic achievement, classroom participation, and extracurricular academic activities.

Dean Donald J. Dunn selected **Amy M. Russo** for the Dean's Award as the person who has made the most significant and lasting contribution during his or her career at the Law School.

Cicely R. Peterson received the Edward F. McBride Award, signifying the graduate who has made the greatest advancement in his or her academic performance.

Both the National Association of Women Lawyers Award, signifying selection by the women faculty of that alumna who exemplifies professional excellence and leadership, and the James C. Faison Multicultural Leadership Award, recognizing a graduating student's leadership and service to the law school community by promoting awareness and celebration of our racial, ethnic and religious diversity, were given to **Silvia A. Perez**, who graduated *cum laude.*

The Abraham I. Smith Award, recognizing excellence in probate-related matters was awarded to **Erin Carlson**, who graduated *cum laude*, and to **Elizabeth H. Sillin**, who graduated *summa cum laude.*

The Snyder Family Saint Joseph of Cupertino Ethics Award, recognizing excellence in the study of ethics, was awarded to **Ann B. Makkiya** and **Kenneth Stephen Wheelock**, who graduated *magna cum laude.*

The American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies, given by the American Bankruptcy Institute, was presented to **Susan R. Taylor**, who graduated *cum laude.*

Our congratulations to all.

25th Anniversary Celebration to take place on Saturday, September 12, 1998

The School received provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association during the 1973-74 academic year, significant as this was our first attempt at accreditation. Permanent accreditation was received in

1978. The alumni also want to be a part of the events being planned to celebrate Donald Dunn's recent appointment as law school dean. It seemed very appropriate to plan a celebration that combined these significant events and therefore the Association has established a 25th Anniversary Celebration committee whose members are listed below.

Plans for the day-long celebration involving students, faculty, alumni, and the legal community are already in place. Several law faculty will lecture in the law school on various topics, covering changes in the law over the last 25 years. Lunch at the Alumni Healthful Living Center will follow, where President Anthony Caprio and others will formally recognize Donald Dunn as permanent law school dean. The day's activities will conclude with a gala dinner at the Springfield Marriott Hotel on Saturday night.

The 25th Anniversary Committee urges all alumni to mark their calendars now for this special event. Invitations and more information will be mailed in mid summer.

Serving on the 25th Anniversary Committee are:

Michael A. Borg '88
Susan G. Fentin '96, cochair
Susan C. Greitz, '00
Curt L. Hamakawa '84, cochair
John M. Looney '76
Charles S. Ryan '93
Edward "Woody" S. Shelton '96
Alicia M. Zoeller, '97

Ex-officio

Nancy L. Sykes '89
Richard D. Trenk '82
Daphne G. Moore '94
Melissa E. Dane '82

Inaugural Representatives

Dr. Anthony S. Caprio, president of Western New England College, has revived a tradition of sending a representative to the inauguration ceremony of other college presidents. While a member of the faculty or administration sometimes attends, more often Dr. Caprio asks a Western New England College graduate who lives in the area to represent the College. Several law alumni have marched.

Thomas A. Dittoe '80, a resident of Lancaster, PA, attended the inauguration of Theodore E. Long, as president of Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania in October 1996. Thomas is in solo practice in Lancaster.

Ushma Patel-Narvil '93 attended the Wesleyan College inauguration of Nora Kizer Bell in February 1998. Ushma is an attorney with the Social Security Administration Office of Hearings & Appeals in Macon, GA.

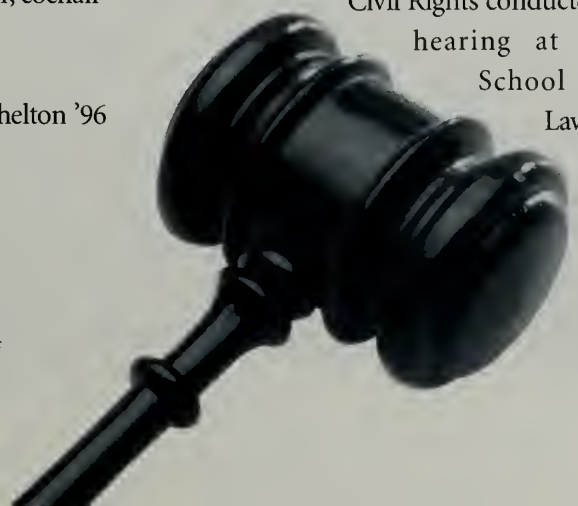
Patricia G. Dunleavy '79 attended the University of Georgia inauguration of Dr. Michael F. Adams in March 1998. Pat is the Vice President of Pine Bush Farm and Nursery in Ila, GA.

Public Issues Presented at the School of Law

The Massachusetts Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights conducted a hearing at the School of Law in August 1997, which included testimony on Police-Community Relations in Springfield. Speakers included: Springfield Mayor Michael Albano, Attorney James Morton and Rev. Talbert Swan of the Million Man March Committee, Darnell Williams, president of the Springfield NAACP, Jose Tosado, member of the Springfield Police Commission, Capt. William Cochrane of the Springfield Police Academy, and Erin Kemple, executive director of the Housing Discrimination Project in Holyoke.

Dr. Anthony S. Caprio presented attorney Arthur Marshall with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in recognition of his 45 year law career and his many acts of philanthropy.

In October, the School of Law hosted the community at a roundtable discussion on the organization of the Springfield City Council. The city's voters were being asked to consider having councilors elected to represent specific wards as opposed to strictly at-large council. The panel was moderated by Professor Bruce Miller and included Attorney James Morton; Springfield City Councilwoman Barbara Garvey; Edward Mitnick, Holyoke City Solicitor; Michaelann Bewsee from Arise For Social Justice; Springfield City Councilman William Boyle '83; Massachusetts Commission



Against Discrimination Commissioner Dorca Gomez; James Sullivan, Springfield Election Commissioner; and Charles Rucks, Vice President of the Urban League.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives Ad Hoc Committee Relative to Adoption conducted a public hearing at the School of Law in March to hear differing views on the foster care system in the Commonwealth. State representative Gale D. Candaras '82 organized the public hearing where testimony included comments from the Honorable Paul E. Perachi '82, Massachusetts Juvenile Court, Julia W. Kay '83, Joanne McCarthy '85 , Donald P. Whitney '83 and Robin L. Stolk '84.

Innovative Law Users Group Meet at the School of Law

The School of Law hosted the fourth annual meeting of the New England Innovative Law Users Group in December. Christine Archambault, head of technical services, Nancy Johnson, catalog librarian, and Michele Dill LaRose, head of reader services, planned the meeting which was attended by 65 people including librarians and staff from the academic, trial court, and state law libraries. Speakers included presentations by Innovative Interfaces, the vendor for the Law and D'Amour Libraries' shared computerized library system which includes the on-line catalog, acquisition, serials, and circulation modules.

Alumni Participate in Women in Law Conference

During the Women in Law conference conducted at the School of Law in April, several alumna spoke on a panel entitled Women in the Law: Options and Opportunities. Speakers included Christine E. Davio '93, Robin D. Fein '85, Karen-Ann Huntoon '87, and Tina S. Page '82. The panel was sponsored by the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts Western Massachusetts Committee.

Marianne Shelvey '98 and family celebrate her law school graduation.

Seen here with Anthony Caprio, president of the College, (second from left) are CT Attorney General Richard Blumenthal (left) Arthur Marshall, honorary degree recipient, and Don Dunn, dean of the School of Law.

Clason Lecture Series

The Clason Lecture Series, supported by the Charles and Emma Clason Fund, was established in 1986. Charles Clason was dean of the School of Law from 1954-70 and a member of the original faculty dating back to 1919.

Several distinguished law scholars presented papers to the faculty as part of the continuing Clason Lecture Series. In October, Professor Catharine Wells of Boston College Law School presented her paper, "Pragmatism and the Problem of Relativism." Professor Wells, a graduate of Wellesley and Harvard Law School, also received a Ph.D. from Berkeley.

University of Miami Law School Professor Anthony V. Alfieri presented the next Clason lecture, also in October. Professor Alfieri discussed his essay, which is forthcoming in the *California Law Review,* dealing with two recent anthologies of materials on Critical Race Theory. After graduating from Brown and Columbia, Professor Alfieri practiced at The Legal Aid Society of New York. At Miami, he is Director of the Center for Ethics and Public Service. His articles have appeared in the *Michigan Law Review, Stanford Law Review* and other journals.

Akhil Amar, Southmayd Professor of Law at Yale Law School, delivered a Clason Lecture in November. Professor Amar is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stephen Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court. He is the author of more than 50 law review articles. Professor Amar discussed his forthcoming book, *The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction.*

David Luban, Frederick Haas Professor of Law and Philosophy at Georgetown, presented his paper "Rediscovering Fuller's Legal Ethics" to the faculty in March. Although not trained formally as a lawyer, he has written extensively on legal ethics, including the books *Lawyers and Justice: An Ethical Study* and *The Good Lawyer: Lawyers' Roles and Lawyers' Ethics* and the casebook, *Legal Ethics.* Professor Luban received his B.A. from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Yale.

All of Cicely Peterson's '98 family traveled from Philadelphia to attend her law school graduation.

The last Clason Lecture of the academic year was delivered by Professor Robert G. Bone of Boston University School of Law. His paper "The Rulemaking Process: Reasoned Deliberation or Interest Accommodation," is a critique of the current approach to civil procedure rulemaking. Professor Bone, a former law clerk to the Honorable W. Arthur Garrity, U. S. District Court, Massachusetts, received his B.A. from Stanford and his law degree from Harvard.

Judge Barry Schaller Discuses his New Book

In October the Honorable Barry Schaller of the Connecticut Appellate Court discussed his recent book *A Vision of American Law: Judging Law, Literature and the Stories We Tell.* Judge Schaller is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, where he has taught as a visitor and served as a Guggenheim Fellow. Jeff Hussey '97 currently serves as Judge Schaller's law clerk.

ATTENTION:

Notify us to continue receiving *The Alumni Communicator*

Graduates of the School of Law have been receiving the Western New England College alumni magazine, *The Alumni Communicator*, for several years. The College is more than happy to continue to send it to you. However, due to expanded coverage in this publication, as well as increased costs, the College requests that you notify us if you wish to continue receiving *The Alumni Communicator.* Please call the Office of Law Alumni Relations, 413-782-1311, send us a fax at 413-796-2067, or e-mail us at sparry@law.wnec.edu if you want to continue your subscription. If we do not hear from you, we will discontinue sending *The Alumni Communicator* to you. Your action in no way affects your continued receipt of the newly named School of Law *Perspectives*, formerly known as *Alumni Notes.* If you are a graduate of both the College and the School of Law, you will continue to receive both magazines.

Faculty and Staff Notes

Professor Peter Adomeit was a panelist at a meeting of labor relations specialists in Boston in October. The meeting, sponsored by the American Arbitration Association, addressed advanced techniques of preparation and presentation of arbitration cases.

Professors William G. Baker and Frederick D. Royal were members of the faculty for a "Federal Tax Update" held in October in Springfield, sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Institute.

Professor Leonard M. Baynes was a presenter at the 4th Annual Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference in February and the Northeastern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference in March. Professor Baynes' article, "If It's Not Black and White Anymore, Why Does Darkness Cast a Longer Discriminatory Shadow Than Lightness?" was published in *The University of Denver Law Review*. Professor Baynes is completing his Scholar in Residence position at the Federal Communications Commission and will be on leave again next year. In fall 1998, Professor Baynes will visit at The Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University, where he will teach Race, Racism and the Law and Agency/Partnership. In spring 1999, he will be a visiting Professor of Law at American University, Washington College of Law, teaching Communications Law and Business Associations.

Visiting Professor Theresa Bryant had her article, "The 1997 Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Act: the Death Knell for School Expulsion," accepted for publication by *The American University Law Review*.

Beth Cohen, acting director of the lawyering process program, was chosen to participate in the Family Violence Project, a project that seeks to provide *pro bono* and community responses to address domestic violence. The project is jointly sponsored by Western Massachusetts Legal Services, the Women's Bar Association, and the Family Advocacy Center of Baystate Medical Center's Children's Hospital and is administered by the Volunteer Lawyers Service Panel of the Massachusetts Justice Project.

Dean Donald J. Dunn authored the "Law" section of the ninth edition of *Magazines for Libraries* (1997). In September Dean Dunn and Professor Samuel Stonefield attended an American Bar Association-sponsored Site Evaluation Workshop in Indianapolis. The workshop was for schools undergoing a sabbatical site evaluation within the next two years. Dean Dunn was one of the speakers at the program. In October he attended a conference at the University of Vermont on legal issues in higher education. Dean Dunn attended the annual Dean's Meeting in Nashville in late January, chaired the ABA site evaluation team at Drake Law School in March, and spoke at South Texas School of Law and Florida Coastal Law School on law school administrative matters.

Professor James A. Gardner's article, "Southern Character, Confederate Nationalism, and the Interpretation of State Constitutions: A Case Study in Constitutional Argument," was published in the May 1998 issue of the *Texas Law Review*. Professor Gardner delivered a paper at a symposium, Separation of Power in State Constitutional Law, held at Roger Williams Law School in April. He presented "American Constitutional Universalism." Professor Gardner spoke in June at the Legal Writing Institute at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. His topic was "Syllogism-Based Argument Construction: A Heuristic for Teaching Students How to Make Legal Arguments."

Professor James W. Gordon spoke on Shay's Rebellion in November in Springfield and in Worcester, MA, in March at the request of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society. The title of the lecture was: "Shay's Rebellion: Crowds and the People's 'Spirit of Resistance'."

Professor Eric J. Gouvin presented a paper on the differing approaches to banking regulation among the NAFTA countries at a symposium on the international aspects of the law of corporate groups in April at the University of Connecticut School of Law. His paper, "Cross-Border Bank Branching Under NAFTA: Public Choice and the Law of Corporate Groups," will be published in an upcoming edition of the *Connecticut Journal of International Law*. His article, "Catty Remarks About Animal Correctness," appeared in the September 1997 issue of the *Journal of Legal Education*. Professor Gouvin will be on sabbatical during the 1998-99 academic year, finalizing several articles and assisting Professor Phillip Blumberg of the University of Connecticut in the revision of his seven-volume treatise, "The Law of Corporate Groups." The three year revision project will entail updating, editing, and rethinking the current text. Professor Gouvin will be listed as a co-author of the second edition.

Professor Arthur Leavens spoke at a Massachusetts Bar Institute seminar in February on the new rules of professional conduct in Massachusetts.

Professor Joan Mahoney has been named dean of Wayne State University Law School, in Detroit, her alma mater. She is replacing James Robinson, who accepted a high level position with the U. S. Department of Justice. Professor Mahoney served as dean at the School of Law from 1994 to 1996. Previously she was on the faculty of the University of Missouri-Kansas City for fourteen years.

Professor William D. Metzger was a presenter at the Western New England College Tax Institute in December. His topic was The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

Professor Francis "Jay" Mootz III was a speaker at the 1998 Business and Labor Relations Summit organized by the Employers Association of Western Massachusetts in January. Professor Mootz presented "Corporate Liability and Expenses - How to Stop the Money Train from Robbing Your Company." He also presented "Law in Flux: Philosophical Hermeneutics, Legal Argumentation and the Natural Law Tradition" at the First Annual Meeting of the Working Group on Law, Culture and the Humanities, at Georgetown University Law School in March.

Lawyering Process Instructor Myra G. Orlen completed a mediation training program offered as part of the Delay Reduction Program under the auspices of the Franklin County Reinventing Justice Program. As a trained mediator, she will be co-mediating family law cases selected by the judges of Franklin County. Ms. Orlen served as a brief judge for the 1998 National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The competition is sponsored by the Law Student Division of the ABA in cooperation with the Tort and Insurance Practice Section, the Section on Litigation, the Young Lawyers Division, and the Appellate Judges Conference. This year's competition topic is Law and Religion and deals with free exercise and establishment issues.

Professor Sam Stonefield spoke at the 1998 Business and Labor Relations Summit. He presented "Sexual Harassment — The Myths and The Realities." The summit was organized by alumnus Mark R. Adams, '92, who works at the Employers Association. Professor Stonefield authored a chapter in the new Matthew Bender treatise, *Real Estate Financing*, which was published in November 1997. His chapter, 3A of Volume 4B, entitled "Fannie Mae (FNMA) and Freddie Mac (FHLMC)," describes and analyzes their programs and operations.

Mary M. Van Houten, Director of Student Records, attended a meeting of Law School Registrars from the New Jersey/New York/Connecticut area hosted by Fordham University Law School in October.

Professor Valorie K. Vojdik spoke at a forum at New York University Law School on "Sex, Power & the Legal System" in November. Professor Vojdik has been interviewed on national and local television, including appearances on CNN's *Cross-Fire* with Pat Buchanan and Geraldine Ferraro and on MSNBC and was quoted in a number of newspapers regarding the admission of women at Virginia Military Institute and at the Citadel. She also spoke to the Zonta Club of Western Massachusetts and at Trinity College on gender equity in higher education. Professor Vojdik was the keynote speaker at the Hartford County Bar Association Bench and Bar Night dinner in April.

Alumni Alert

Tell us about your career, achievements, family, or volunteer activities, and we'll spread the news in *Perspectives.*

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The School of Law has many opportunities for volunteers. We invite you to get involved—renew ties with other alumni, and help out your Alma Mater.

I'd like to hear about:

- ☐ Alumni Activities (Planning reunions, receptions, etc.)
- ☐ Recruitment Activities
- ☐ Career Services

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Class Notes

Lawrence Hott '76

Elizabeth Schumacher '85

Hyman Darling '76

Nancy Winkelman '86

David Ostrander '89

Leon Carman '41

Nancy Linck '84

Paul Bloom and his wife, Charlotte, received the Brotherhood Humanitarian of the Year Award from Congregation Kodimah in Springfield, MA. He is a trustee of the Jewish Endowment Foundation. Paul was vice president of the Zoning Board of Appeals in Longmeadow where he and his wife reside.

Leon J. Carman received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Western New England College at the 1998 Commencement ceremonies. He also received the Individual Philanthropist of the Year award in November from the Springfield Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. He was nominated for the award by Dr. Anthony S. Caprio, president of Western New England College, for his outstanding support of the College, the School of Law, and other charities in the greater Springfield area.

James L. Lewis has been named partner in the Washington, D.C. firm of Cammarata & Grandinetti, where he practices in the areas of computer, copyright, intellectual property, and patent and trademark law.

Robert I. Singer retired in October 1997 from the Massachusetts District Court as an assistant clerk-magistrate.

Patricia A. Bobba Donovan has been appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers for a four-year term. Patricia is a sole practitioner in Springfield.

Kenneth E. Shea was re-elected to the Springfield School Committee in November 1997.

William C. Gerstenzang has been elected town judge for Yorktown, NY.

Hyman G. Darling was honored by the Jewish Family Service of Greater Springfield for his creation of a guardianship program for older people. Since its inception in 1985 the program has helped more than 350 people. Hyman is also president of the Hampden County Bar Association for the 1997-1998 term.

Lawrence R. Hott's film *Divided Highways* received a George Foster Peabody Award.The Peabody judges characterized Hott's film as "a documentary that turns the seemingly mundane development of interstate highways into a transcendent statement about the role of the car and the highway in our national consciousness."

Hott and wife Diane Garey also recently produced the film *The Boyhood of John Muir* depicting the childhood of the naturalist. The film made its world premiere in Northampton, MA, in November and aired on WGBY Springfield in December. A national PBS broadcast is planned for December 1998. Hott and Garey have earned two Academy Award nominations, *Wild By Law* in 1991 and *The Garden of Eden* in 1984 and are associated with Florentine Films in Haydenville, MA.

Edward J. Kraus, a 20 year veteran with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been named to direct a national enforcement center to crack down on waste, fraud and abuse in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs. Edward was named to the position by HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo.

Southern New England School of Law has appointed Ann Marie Maguire to its Board of Trustees. Ann Marie is one of the leading trial lawyers in the state with offices in both Dartmouth and Taunton. Before entering private practice she was a member of the Appellate Division of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

Robert L. Steinberg, former district attorney for Leigh County, (Allentown and Bethlehem, PA) has been elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Robert J. Kor has opened a law office in West Hartford, CT. He practices in the areas of employment, disability, housing discrimination, civil rights, family and landlord tenant law. For the past 20 years Robert was an attorney with Neighborhood Legal Services.

Marty Martin recently received the President's Award of Excellence from the Wake County (NC) Bar Association for the work on behalf of the Courthouse KidsCenter project. Marty has been elected or appointed to several boards and committees: the Board of Directors of Wake County Bar Association (voluntary association); the Tenth Judicial District Bar Association (mandatory association); the North Carolina Bar Association's Juvenile Justice and Children's Rights Section; the Governor's Prevention and Drug Education Advisory Committee to the Governor's Commission on Juvenile Justice and Crime. This commission, comprised primarily of legislators and relevant state agency heads, is charged with revising and rewriting the juvenile code for North Carolina.

P. Keyburn Hollister was honored by the Berkshire Community College Foundation in 1997. Key received the Distinguished Alumni Award having graduated in 1974. She has served as chairman of the board of trustees at BCC and is currently a member of the BCC Foundation board of directors and co-chairman of the development committee.

David J. Singer has been elected to the school board in the Town of Greenfield, MA, where he resides with his wife and two daughters.

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Holly Abery-Wetstone has been elected to the West Hartford Town Council for the 1997-1999 term.

H. Kathleen Manley, after having served five years as a Family Court Magistrate, was appointed a superior court judge by Vermont Governor Howard Dean in January 1998.

John H. Parks has joined with Thomas S. O'Grady '88 to establish the Law Firm of O'Grady & Parks, LLC, based in Somers, CT. John resides in Somers with his wife, Deborah and their two children.

Winona W. Zimberlin has been elected president of the Connecticut Magistrates Association, a statewide association of the judicial magistrates who decide small claims and motor vehicles cases in state courts. Winnie is in private practice in Hartford, specializing in education law.

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The Hartford has promoted Lynda Godkin to senior vice president of its top subsidiary, Hartford Life, in recognition of her contributions to the life insurance company. Before coming to Hartford Life, Lynda worked at CIGNA and, earlier, at the law firm of Day, Berry and Howard in Hartford.

Mark D. Hosken is living in Rochester, NY with his wife, Sue, and their two boys, Peter and Patrick. Mark reports, "Throughout my professional career I have attempted to assist those who need help the most, the indigent. I've practiced as a city, county and state public defender as well as maintaining an active private practice primarily dedicated to criminal defense litigation. In 1996, I gave up my private practice and accepted a position with the Federal Public Defender's Office in the Western District of New York. I thank my professors for instilling in me a sense of legal service to those less fortunate than me. Though he is no longer on staff, I truly thank John Thompson. My time in the Prisoner's Clinic was extremely enjoyable."

Donna L. MacNicol is a partner in the new Greenfield, MA, firm of MacNicol, Tombs & Brown.

Cynthia Sondergeld '97 and Dianne Sargalski '97 (left to right) check in with Associate Dean Bob Lusardi at WNEC Week 1998 Hartford.

Pittsfield lawyer Miriam Maduro Goodman was appointed justice of the peace with the designation to solemnize marriages within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Susan M. Tombs was awarded the Massachusetts Bar Association Community Service Award. She has dedicated 25 years to Girl Scouting, 14 as an adult volunteer in numerous positions, most recently as president of the Western Massachusetts Girl Scouts since 1995. Susan is a partner in the Greenfield firm of MacNicol, Tombs & Brown.

1982

John F. Byrnes has been appointed president and chief operating officer of R.C. Knox and Company, an independent insurance agency.

W. Michael Goggins is the current president-elect of the Hampshire County Bar Association.

Roger P. Lipton was elected to a third successive one-year term as managing partner of Green, Miles, Lipton, White & Fitz-Gibbon in Northampton. Roger was also recently re-appointed to a second three-year term as chairperson of the zoning board of appeals in Whately, MA.

Katherine E. McMahon is an associate editor on the 1997-1998 Board of Editors of the *Massachusetts Law Review*. Katherine is Chief, Appellate Division, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Boston.

1984

Joseph P. Curran has relocated his office to 1242 Main Street, Springfield, MA. The law office specializes in immigration law.

Janice Beatson Deshais was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, CT. She was also named as the College's Distinguished Alumnae for 1997. Janice and her husband, Richard '84, reside in West Hartford.

Patricia M. Dunbar has been re-appointed to the Committee for Public Counsel Services by the Supreme Judicial Court in Massachusetts. She has also been appointed to the Clients' Security Board for a five-year term. Patricia has been a partner in the Springfield firm of Coyle, Dunbar, Geoffrion & Rideout since 1988 and she was the past president of the Hampden County Bar Association.

Irve J. Goldman, a nationally certified business bankruptcy specialist, was recently interviewed by Mark Haines on CNBC. A frequent writer of debtor-creditor issues, Irve's articles have appeared in the *Connecticut Bar Journal* and *Quinnipiac Law Review*, as well as in regional business publications.

Joanne M. Kuzmeski-Jackson is a partner in the new firm of Dacyczyn & Jackson located in Greenfield, MA.

Members of the class of 1980 (l–r) Libby (Ellett) Tomar, Bob Nissenbaum, Kevin Loftus, Judy Adamson, and Peter Elikann are already planning their 20th reunion.

Nancy Laffey Hart has been teaching Trial Techniques at the University of Buffalo Law School in addition to being appointed Town Prosecutor in Orchard Park, NY. Nancy and her husband have three children, Patrick, Bridget, and Matthew.

Nancy J. Linck, Solicitor, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, was the featured lecturer for the fourth annual Katz-Kiley Lecture presented at the University of Houston Law Center in November 1997.

Peter J. Morin is the director of the Office of Internal Affairs for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Peter also teaches criminal law at Stonehill College.

1985

Dennis R. Anti and Karen L. Heath recently exchanged wedding vows. Dennis is a partner in the Springfield firm of Morrison, Mahoney & Miller.

Deborah A. Glasbrener was married in September 1994 to Robert W. Marriott, a senior underwriter with Metropolitan Property and Casualty Insurance Co. They had their first child, Cory Michael, in May 1997. Deborah is now an administrative officer, conducting administrative hearings for the Office of Professional Discipline for the New York State Education Department. She and her husband also own a mobile disc jockey service.

Michele S. Gatto is now general counsel for Massachusetts Casualty Insurance Company in Boston.

Susan Lacy Goldman has been elected counsel to the firm of Gregory and Adams, P.C. in Wilton, CT.

First Assistant Clerk Magistrate of the Worcester County (MA) Housing Court is Diana Hitt Horan.

Marjorie J. Hurst was elected to the Springfield School Committee in November 1997.

Charles P. Mullen has been appointed director of Managed Care at Holyoke (MA) Hospital. Prior to coming to his new post, Charles was director of Managed Care and Contracting with the Brattleboro Retreat in Vermont.

Elizabeth A. Schumacher assumed the presidency of the Hartford County Bar Association in March at the Association's 215th Annual Meeting. Elizabeth is a graduate of Siena Collage and since 1995 has run her own law office in Hartford concentrating in the area of insurance defense.

1986

Donna T. Rivers has joined Mellon Mortgage Company as a production sales manager for the western Massachusetts area.

After 10 years as a prosecutor, Kelli Ryan Delisio is now the clerk-magistrate in the Franklin-Hampshire (MA) Juvenile Court.

Eileen Z. Sorrentino has become partner in the firm of Egan, Flanagan & Cohen, P.C. in Springfield.

Nancy L. Winkelman, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP in Philadelphia, was recently appointed to the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the Judicial Council of the Third Judicial Circuit. The committee is composed of 15 members who serve for three-year terms. Their role is to comment on proposed rules of the circuit and certain Judicial Council matters and to serve as liaisons between the court and legal community.

1987

Barbara L. DeGennaro has been named fire commissioner is Derby, CT. She will be in charge of the department's administration, including budgeting and purchasing equipment.

William F. Martin recently opened his own law practice specializing in criminal defense. Formerly a U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General attorney, William now serves in the Naval Reserve. He and his wife, Jacqueline, and their children, Billy and Catherine, reside in Hamilton, MA.

Vincent Salamone was recently thanked for his efforts at processing Presidential nominations at a reception in the West Wing of the White House. He also received an award from another Federal agency for his work in teaching conflict of interest law. He is an attorney-advisor at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics.

1988

Murry S. Brower has opened the firm of Catone & Brower Attorneys at Law in Latham, NY.

Louise M. Croll and husband, Dennis, announce the birth of their second child, John Dennis, in June 1997. John joins sister Elizabeth in their Longmeadow, MA, home. Louise serves as clerk of the Longmeadow School Committee, sings with the Springfield Symphony, and has her own law practice.

The Bridgeport (CT) Bluefish of the Atlantic Professional Baseball League announced recently that Charles J. Dowd, Jr. is their new general manager. Charlie was the general manager at the New Haven Ravens for the past four seasons.

The general practice Law Firm of O'Grady & Parks, LLC in Somers, CT, has been established by Thomas S. O'Grady and John H. Parks '80. Tom, his wife Donna, and their five children reside in Somers.

Domenique Thornton was elected mayor of Middletown, CT. Domenique was formerly with the New Haven firm of Shapiro & Greenspan.

Brian M. Yard of Guion, Stevens & Rybak, has been named legal counsel for the Litchfield County (CT) Board of Realtors. He resides with his wife, Tina, and their daughter, Erica, in Torrington, CT.

1989

Carolyn M. Baily of Scituate has recently joined the staff of Attorney Brian E. Barreira as a legal assistant.

Donald C. Cournoyer, Jr. and Christi L. Smith were recently married in North Brookfield, MA. Donald is a self-employed attorney in Southbridge.

In January 1998 Ann M. Courtney became president-elect of the Maine Bar Association. In January 1999 she will become president.

Warren M. McEwen, Jr. is an assistant professor in the Law Library at the University of Orlando School of Law.

Mary Beth Ogulewicz is a now an assistant district attorney in the Superior Court for Hampden County in Springfield. She was formerly an ADA with the Holyoke District Court.

Northampton, MA, attorney David W. Ostrander has been appointed to the Panel of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Trustees for the Western District of Massachusetts. He is responsible for administering Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties.

Paulus Chan '94 and Prof. Bill Metzger talk tax at the WNEC Week 1998 Hartford reception.

Stan Light '77, left, and Alan Goodman '77, center, reminisce with Dean Don Dunn at their 20th Reunion.

1990

Kenneth R. Bruno has been elected District Attorney in Rensselaer County, Troy, NY.

William J. Cameron, Jr. has become the assistant superintendent of schools for personnel and negotiations in Pittsfield, MA.

Maureen E. Driscoll has been elected to the City Council in Bridgeport, CT. She chairs the ordinance committee and sits on the contracts and appointments, claims and education committees. Maureen is a partner in the Fairfield firm of Maher & Williams.

Richard H. Kosakowski was elected to the Board of Assessors for the Town of Longmeadow. Richard is with the Longmeadow, MA, firm of Holland & Bonzagni, P.C. where he specializes in patents, copyrights and trademarks.

Principals of the Bloomfield, CT, law firm of Clayman, Markowitz, Pinney & Baram, L.L.C. announce that Kent D. Mawhinney has become a member of the firm. Kent concentrates his practice in the area of civil litigation.

William J. Robinson, a partner in the Keene, NH, firm of Bonnette & Robinson, is on the New Hampshire Bar Association Board of Governors for Cheshire County.

1991

Mary E. Braisted married Captain Mark W. Weiss in September 1997. She is presently an appellate attorney for the government arguing before the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

Jeffrey S. Brown is a partner with the newly formed firm of MacNicol, Tombs & Brown in Greenfield, MA.

John M. Kelly has won a second term on the Newington, CT, Town Council. John is an attorney with the Law Offices of Marc Needleman in Bloomfield and resides in Newington with his wife Kelley.

Joseph Kershenbaum recently published "Investment Adviser Regulation-A New Dual System" in *Connecticut Lawyer* and "The End of Securities Regulation As We Have Known It" and "The Son of 'The End

of Securities Regulation As We Have Known It'" in the *American College of Investment Counsel Newsletter.*

Sean P. McLaughlin attended a four-day seminar in New Orleans entitled "Doing It Alone," presented by Daryl Buchanan, a New Orleans attorney who specializes in helping other attorneys organize their own practices and businesses.

Suffield, CT, voters recently elected Robert Skinner their new First Selectman. He has also served on the Zoning and Planning Commission and on the Board of Finance. Robert is a partner in the Canton firm of O'Connor and Skinner where he practices in the areas of real estate, family, corporate, and personal injury. He resides in Suffield with his wife, Karen, and son, Will.

Maureen E. Walsh was appointed for a five-year term to the Massachusetts Parole Board. She was nominated for the position by Acting Governor A. Paul Celluci. Previously, Maureen had served as an assistant district attorney in the Northwest District Attorney's Office in Northampton.

1993

Laurence E. Fundler is an associate with the Paramus, NJ, firm of Hartman, Winnicki & Finnerty.

David S. Holtzman has recently become the Director of Government Affairs for the American Association of Diabetes Educators in Chicago. David previously worked for New York Assemblyman Robert Sweeney.

James M. Korman was elected selectman for the Town of Sturbridge, MA. Jim is a partner in the Worcester, MA, firm of Whitcomb & Korman (Robert Whitcomb '92). He resides in the Fiskdale section of Sturbridge with his wife Ellen and daughter Grace.

The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants recently appointed Paul L. Mancinone, Esq., CPA of Suffield, CT, to serve as chair of its Public Relations Committee for the organization's 1997-98 fiscal year.

Mary Reed Norton is now an associate in the Thomas P. Vincent Law Office located in Northampton, MA.

Jacqueline H. Pacella was married to Olivier Garreau in September 1997 and moved to San Jose, CA. She transferred to the high technology lending department of the Bank-Boston in Palo Alto, where she previously had been employed as an international trade analyst. Olivier is a senior engineer with Siemens Microelectronics, Inc.

Allan B. Rappleyea and Kirsten Anderson Rappleyea '93 announce the birth of their son, Allan Robert, in November 1997.

Kirsten Anderson Rappleyea and Allan B. Rappleyea '92 announce the birth of their son, Allan Robert, in November 1997.

Susan C. Baldassarre, formerly associated with Laurence J. Madfis & Associates in Newton, has joined the firm of Attorney Susan Klueppel in Wayland, MA. Susan will concentrate in divorce, probate and estate planning law.

Janet J. Giris, the former deputy town attorney for Greenburgh, NY, has become an associate with the White Plains, MA, firm of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten & Tartaglia, LLP.

Glenn D. Goodman has opened his own practice in Springfield.

Phrances M. Leverton Szewczyk has been re-elected to the Middletown, CT, Common Council and was appointed chairperson of the Finance and Budget Committee. She is a sole practitioner in Middletown.

Nancy M. Markey is a labor attorney for the City of Waterbury (CT) Corporation Counsel. Nancy was previously the personnel director for the Town of Newtown and an attorney for the state's Office of Labor Relations in Hartford. She resides in Sandy Hook with husband, Joseph and their sons, Jackson, 4, and Jonathan, 2.

Kristen M. Quaratella-Mansfield has become a member of the New London, CT, firm of Rotella & Fabricant. Her areas of concentration include personal injury, domestic relations, motor vehicle and criminal matters.

Daniel A. Raymond and Rebecca D. Breault were married in July 1997.

Claudia J. Reed has been named head of the bankruptcy department at the Springfield law firm of Cohen, Rosenthal, P.C.

George I. Roumeliotis and wife Pamela E. Gibbs-Roumeliotis '94 had their first child, Peter, in May 1997. George is an associate with Hendel, Collins & Newton, P.C. in Springfield.

1994

Jacklyn M. Connly has been named the Third Assistant Clerk of the Northampton (MA) District Court.

James M. Czapiga has been promoted to assistant vice-president at First American Title Insurance Company in Hartford. He lives with his wife and two children in Hebron.

In September 1997 John P. DaCruz opened his own office in Ludlow, MA. Previously he had been an assistant district attorney in the Hampden County District Attorney's Office.

Pamela E. Gibbs-Roumeliotis and husband George I. Roumeliotis '93 are the proud parents of son, Peter, born in May 1997. Pam was an associate at Cohen, Rosenthal P.C. in Springfield and has recently accepted a judicial law clerk position with the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

Air Force Captain Wendy L. Twine Sherman was named 1996 mission support squadron company grade officer of the year. She is assistant staff judge advocate with the 314th Airlift Wing judge advocate in Little Rock, AR.

1995

Kimberly Carboneau recently joined the Brattleboro, VT, firm of Costello & Mabie, P.C. Prior to joining the firm she practiced law in Rutland, VT, at the firm of Griffin & Griffin Ltd. and in Bellows Falls, VT, at the firm of Kissell, Massucco & Marchica, P.C.

Jean T. Carney is now an associate in the litigation department of DeLorenzo, Pasquariello, Weiskopf & Gorman, P.C. in Schenectady, NY. Jean handles primarily employment discrimination cases.

The new top prosecutor in the Holyoke (MA) District Court is James R. Goodhines. He lives in Longmeadow, MA, with his wife, Lori K. Odierna '95, an attorney in the appellate division of the District Attorney's Office in Springfield.

Kris D. Maples is "second in command" of the human resources department at Lutheran Social Services, concentrating on employment and employment law issues, including developing employment polices and an affirmative action program; advising the company on employee interviews, disciplinary actions, terminations and OSHA compliance, and sexual harassment investigations. Lutheran Social Services has over 46 sites in six states providing services such as shelters, adoption assistance facilities, refugee aid centers, foster care homes, and nursing homes.

Robert C. Martin has moved from Delaware to Nevada where he is employed by the University of Nevada, Reno.

Professor Dick Cole, Susan Roche '82, Rich Trenk '82, Barry Maddix '83, Glenn Gimble '82, and Professor Art Wolf (left to right) share a moment at the April Reunion.

Anthony E. Nowak, was recently admitted to the bar in Mississippi. By passing three bars in two years (he's already a member in Massachusetts and Tennessee), he joins an elite group of fewer than 10 percent of lawyers to accomplish this. Anthony is employed by the Austin Law Firm in Hernando, MS.

Matthew J. Patterson has joined the firm of Fishman, Dionne, Cantor & Colburn in Windsor, CT, as an intellectual property attorney.

Patrick M. Quinn is the ATLA coach at the Utica College of Syracuse University. The team won their regionals and were headed to St. Paul, MN, for the nationals.

Susan Lee Rabinowitz has started a solo general practice in Newport News, VA.

Robert J. Riccio is the new operations analyst in the trust department of BankBoston located in Providence. Rob and his wife Laura Fedele Riccio '96 have just moved into their new house in Norwood.

Steven L. Sampson recently exchanged wedding vows with the former Michelle R. Jones in Hampden, MA. Steve is employed by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Springfield.

Murdo T. Smith is an associate with the firm of Chadwick, Libbey, Szilagyi & Stone in Hartford, CT.

Todd T. Trautz and Laura Wheeler Coffey were recently married in Monroe, CT. Todd is an associate at Rodie & Connolly, P.C. in Stratford, CT. The couple live in Huntington.

1996

Susan E. Arnold Mielnikowski has joined the Fitchburg, MA, firm of Erb & Erb where she is concentrating in estate planning.

Robert K. Fowler, president and chief executive officer of Hampden Papers in Holyoke, MA, has become a three-year member of the Board of Directors for Holyoke Hospital.

Mary C. Higby and Bruce J. Patryn '97 were married in November 1997. Mary is an associate with Cooley, Shrair, P.C. in Springfield.

Marne Onderdonk '94, Peter Sipperly '82, and Carolyn Lemmon '95 (left to right) visit at WNEC Week 1998 Albany.

Eric M. Keifer is working in the Closing Department of Commercial Capital Corporation located in New York City. He is responsible for coordinating Small Business Administration guaranteed loans from the main office and eight branches nationwide.

Frank T. Lucchesi has joined the Northampton,MA, firm of Benjamin A. Barnes P.C. as an associate. Frank spent six years in real estate management for Congate Enterprises, Inc. His practice concentrates in the areas of commercial real estate, estate planning, and condominium law.

Editor's Note: In the Fall 1997 issue of *Alumni Notes* we placed the following alumnus in the wrong class year and we misspelled his name as well. Peter R. McGreevy is now an associate with a ten-attorney firm on Long Island. The firm, McAndrew, Conboy & Prisco, Esqs., defends self-insured corporations.

Kimberly Roy Dickson, a staff attorney at Bic Corporation in Milford, CT, was recently married to Robert Dickson. Robert is a senior account executive with ADP.

Mark Russell is in-house counsel and business development manager for Thomson ESG in Boston.

Christine M. Safarik and Carl J. Cieplinski were recently married in Holyoke. She is an attorney with Durant, Nichols, Houston, Mitchell and Sheahan, P.C. in Bridgeport, CT.

Michael J. Scaptura has joined the Northampton, MA, office of US Express Bus Lines as group tour coordinator. Mike resides in West Springfield, MA, with his wife, Diane, and their four sons.

Leslie Scoville is litigating cases on behalf of Connecticut municipal employees and police as a staff attorney for Connecticut Independent Unions.

Edward (Woody) S. Shelton has joined the Bloomfield, CT, law firm of Clayman, Markowitz, Pinney & Baram, L.L.C. as an associate. He is part of the firm's business group.

Jennifer Weitz-Clancy has joined the Hartford firm of Rome McGuigan Sabanosh, P.C. as an associate resident.

Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria LLP, a law firm in Buffalo, NY, has announced that Phyllis R. Whitchurch has joined the firm as an associate specializing in workers' compensation. Most recently Phyllis was a volunteer attorney for the Erie County Bar Association Lawyers Project.

1997

Christopher S. Acquanita has joined the Stamford, CT, firm of Piazza & Melmed as an associate.

Peter Frasca and his 1992 classmate Richard Sampson discuss the practice of law at WNEC Week Boston 1998.

Lanell H. Allen is a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Sidney Landau of the Connecticut Appellate Court, Hartford.

Steven J. Barber has accepted a position with the Springfield firm of Hassett & Buendo.

Paula M. Bergmann is an assistant county attorney in the Rensselaer County Attorney's Office in Troy, NY.

Michael D. Blanchard is clerking for Chief Justice Stanley Feldman of the Arizona Supreme Court in Phoenix.

James J. Bregianes is an assistant district attorney in the District Attorney's Office in Hampden County.

Brian D. Condon, Jr. has joined the law firm of Hufnagel & Lake located in Winthrop, Maine. Brian is a resident of Augusta where he lives with his wife, Heather, and son, Danny.

Kathryn M. Dowling recently married John P. Silveria. Kathryn is a judicial law clerk for the Massachusetts Family and Probate Court. She and John reside in Boston.

Michelle M. Dumas is an associate with the law firm of Peter J. Boorman in Newington, CT.

Laura C. Edmonds and her husband are the proud parents of Amanda Sarah born in July. Laura is a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Michael Ponsor in the U.S. District Court, Springfield. Her law review note, "The Fair Labor Standards Act - Anti-Poverty Legislation in the Modern Era: Advocating Judicial Scrutiny under a Feminist Policy-Centered Analysis [19 W.Eng.L.Rev. 229 (1997)] was referenced by the *National Law Journal* in its December 10, 1997 issue.

Advest Group Inc. in Hartford recently hired Eileen M. Foley as a financial planning associate.

James M. Forsyth recently joined the District Attorney's Office in Springfield as an assistant district attorney for Hampden County.

Kelley M. Galica Peck is a judicial law clerk for Chief Justice Robert Callahan of the Connecticut Supreme Court in Hartford.

Tanya L. Green is associated with the National Association of Securities Dealers in Washington, D.C.

Joel M. Gross has accepted a position with Arthur Andersen LLP in Hartford.

Sheila M. Hemeon-Heyer is a judicial law clerk for the Hon. John Greaney of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Kimberly B. Holmes is in the Connecticut Appellate Court as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Eugene Spear.

Jeffrey W. Hussey is a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Barry Schaller of the Connecticut Appellate Court.

Donald T. Klein is a consumer investigator with the City of Boston Mayor's Office.

Elizabeth A. Kolodzinski Wingfield was married in October 1997. She and her husband reside in Orlando, FL.

M. Denise Kristof is working with the Law Offices of William E. Dennis in Claremont, CA.

Stephen J. Langs is associated with the law firm of Akerman, Senterfitt, Eidson, P.A. in Orlando, FL.

Linda C. Lehmann is an associate with Wetstone & D'Ambrosio (Holly Abery-Wetstone '80 and Doris D'Ambrosio '84) in Farmington, CT.

Steven P. Levesque married Cheryl L. Riley in May 1997. Attending the couple were alumni Laurie A. Carbonne '96 and Scott C. Wells '97. The couple reside in Cranston, RI, where Steven practices with the firm of Steven A. Moretti.

Lisa A. Martin is associated with the John Hancock Life Insurance Co. in Boston.

Jonas D.L. McCray is practicing corporate law, commercial and estate planning with the firm of Robert Lane & Associates in Greenwich, CT.

Jeffrey P. Morris is practicing with the firm of Weiner and Rothschild, P.C. Attorneys at Law in Springfield.

Pellegrini & Seeley, P.C. (Gerard L. Pellegrini '57) in Springfield has hired Charles F. O'Brien.

Bruce J. Patryn exchanged vows with Mary C. Higby '96 in November 1997. Bruce is an assistant district attorney in Hampden County.

Mark A. Petraske and his wife welcomed their second son, Alec Joshua, born in February 1998. Mark and his family reside in Princeton, NJ. Mark is associated with the law office of Patricia McGlone, West Trenton, NJ.

Sean P. Reagan has joined the firm of Dakin & Berelli, P.C. in Chester, VT. He and wife Chrisoula I. Roumeliotis '95 reside in Springfield, VT.

Antonio Scibelli is an associate director of the client services division at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Robert T. Schmidlin is employed by the New York State Department of Health in Albany.

Laurie A. Slilaty is a staff attorney for the Ayco Corporation in Albany.

Glenn S. Smith is now the liaison between U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service field biologists in Hadley, MA, and Department of Interior regional solicitor's office in Boston.

Cynthia A. Sondergeld is a judicial law clerk in the Connecticut Appellate Court for the Hon. Francis Hennessey.

Stephen F. Sutton is an associate with Kahan, Kerensky & Capossela in Vernon, CT, where he concentrates in corporate, tax and trusts and estates.

Shannon K. Waites is a staff attorney in the Albany office of Ayco Corporation.

Alicia M. Zoeller is the new conservation director for the City of Holyoke, MA.

Jeanne M. Zulick is a congressional aide to U.S. Representative Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn.

Massachusetts Bar vice President Jeff McCormick, left, Massachusetts Bar President Marylin Beck, and Dean Don Dunn, right, join Hyman Darling '76 to celebrate Hy's becoming President of the Hampden County Bar in November 1997.

In Memoriam

Joao M.V. Dias '84 died in January 1998. He had his own practice in Ludlow, MA, was a former chairman of Ludlow's Planning Board and a director of the Portuguese-American Cultural Association.

James C. Faison, Jr. '83 died in October 1997. At the time of his death he was an assistant clerk magistrate for the Massachusetts District Court, Northampton Division, a position he held for 14 years. Previously he was a U.S. Army officer for 22 years, serving in Vietnam and as a professor of Military Science at the University of Massachusetts. Jim was on staff at Western New England College, directing Project Options and was a mentor of many law students of color at Western New England College School of Law.

Ronald B. Fortin '87 died in September 1997. He had a private practice in the Lewiston and Brunswick areas of Maine.

Dorothy L. Hare '85 died in November 1997. She practiced in Springfield until her retirement in May of last year; previously she taught in the Chicopee and Enfield school districts. Dorothy was active in local, state, and federal bar associations and was past treasurer of the Abraham Smith Law Society.

Robert J. Kelley '80 died in February 1998.

Edgar R. Lynch '32 died in November 1997. He had been the supervisor of claims in the Liability Unit for The Travelers Insurance Company.

Walter C. Mickevich '72 died in May 1997. He was a practicing psychologist in Randolph, MA, and had previously taught school in the Marlborough, MA, system. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Sempolinski Mickevich '80.

Mary Rose Moran '66 died in February 1998. Previously, she was a professor at Springfield Technical Community College and at Providence Hospital School of Nursing.

William G. Wright '81 died in September 1997. At the time of his death, he was the founder and chairman of the Teresa G. Wright Promise Foundation, named for his wife who had been killed by a drunk driver in 1995. William had been instrumental in helping to implement revisions to the New Jersey laws on intoxication and reckless driving. Previously William had been an employee benefits attorney for the New York City firm of Proskauer Rose Goetz and Mendelsohn.

Linda Mlynarczyk was killed in March 1998 during the shooting at the Connecticut State Lottery Commission. Linda was the wife of Peter C. Mlynarczyk '88.

Self-Study Survey

Every seven years American law schools are visited by representatives from the American Bar Association (ABA) for the purposes of determining whether the law school should be re-accredited by the ABA. Simultaneously the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) evaluates the schools to determine whether they should continue to qualify for membership in AALS. These evaluative visits are preceded by the schools' introspective and reflective review of their ongoing operations. These reviews are generally referred to as a school's "Self-Study."

The ABA site evaluation team will visit Western New England College School of Law from February 28 through March 3, 1999. In preparation for the site visit, the entire School of Law community is reflecting, reviewing, and seeking to identify those areas requiring our attention.

As alumni, you are our most important asset: your successes are our successes; you can help to evaluate us in a way that no one else can. We hope you will take a moment to complete the following questionnaire which addresses your experiences as a student and your relationship as a graduate. Some sections of the questionnaire ask for quantifiable ranks. For other sections we hope you will provide as many written comments as you feel is appropriate. Please return survey to: Office of Alumni Relations, Western New England College School of Law, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119.

Personal Information

Year of Graduation: _____

☐ Day Student ☐ Evening Student

Name: _____

(optional)

Your Law School Experience

On a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 meaning poor and 4 equaling excellent, please rate the following aspects of your law school experience. Indicate NA if you have no opinion or if the question does not apply to you.

1. The quality of your legal education ____
2. The value of your legal education as preparation for your future ____
3. The full-time faculty ____
4. The part-time faculty ____
5. Building relationships and friendships ____

Written suggestions or comments about your law school experience are welcomed on a separate sheet of paper.

6. Do you recommend attending the School of Law to others? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   Why or why not?

Your Alumni Experience

On a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 meaning poor and 4 equaling excellent, please rate the following aspects of your experience as a graduate of the School of Law. Indicate NA if you have no opinion or if the question does not apply to you.

7. Content of *Perspectives/Alumni Notes* ____
8. Frequency of *Perspectives/Alumni Notes* ____
9. Job Search Services including the Alumni Contact Files ____
10. Alumni events ____
11. Other alumni services:
    Law Library ____
    Alumni Locator Service on Web page ____

12. Do you contribute financially to the School of Law?
    ☐ Regularly ☐ Infrequently ☐ Never

    If you are not a regular contributor, what could we do to make you a contributor?

13. List three things that would improve the School of Law's alumni relations program.

14. List three things that the School of Law could do to enhance its reputation.

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